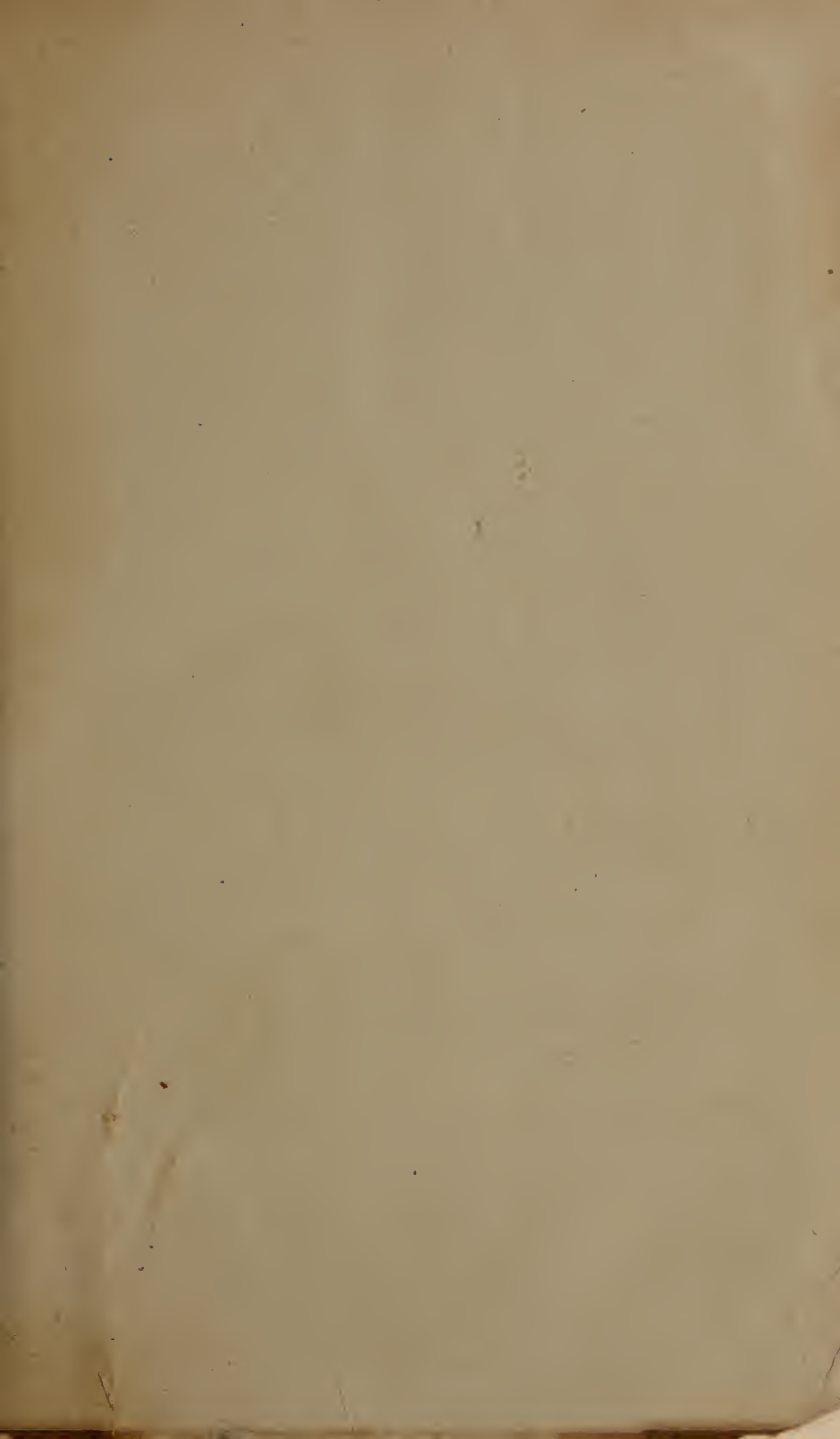




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## FORM OF BEQUEST TO ANY OF THE BOARDS.

The State laws differ so much that no one form will answer in all the States, but in every case it is essential to give the RIGHT CORPORATE NAME.

Requests for Home Missions should be made to “*The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,*” which is now the corporate title.

Of the Board of Education the corporate name is “*The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*”

The Board of Foreign Missions is incorporated under the laws of New York, under the style of “*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*”

The Board of Publication is incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, under the style of “*The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.*”

The Board of Church Ereotion is incorporated under the style of “*The Trustees of the Church Ereotion Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,*” incorporated March 31, 1855, by the Legislature of the State of New York.

Requests that have been made to the “*Trustees of the General Assembly,*” or to the “*Trustees of the Presbyterian House,*” for Church purposes, will be valid.

All Bequests made to the incorporated Boards or Committees of the two late Assemblies are valid, and will be received by the Boards which are their legal successors.

The Relief Fund for Disabled Ministers, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers requires the following form:

“I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, —— dollars in trust, nevertheless, that they shall, within —— months after my decease, pay the same to the *Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,* for the use of the Fund for Disabled Ministers and their Families.”

*When real estate or other property is given, let it be particularly designated*

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## BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

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The present number of the *Record* is unusually interesting in the evidences of prosperity in our work.

Four churches report themselves as henceforth self-sustaining, and proofs of encouragement and success are to be found on every page.

This is the more gratifying because we continue in this number the account of the ravages of the grasshoppers and chinch-bugs, and the prevalence of drought and great heat in certain portions of the West.

It seems the destiny of every new State to encounter, first, trouble with the Indians, then prairie fires, floods, drought, hard winters, locusts or grasshoppers, and epidemics; after which the country seems to settle down into the condition of older communities.

Nothing is happening to a portion of the West that has not happened to other parts of the West, and the dark days will soon pass away.

But we are particularly interested to see how bravely the missionaries are meeting the emergency. Many people, perhaps, will leave these parts of the country till next spring. Perhaps they ought so to do. Perhaps some missionaries will be driven in from the front. But we hope none of them will become panic-struck, or leave till they are clearly compelled to do so.

If the missionaries leave, the people will be discouraged, and it will only hasten their departure. And it is undoubtedly best that all the people, as well as the missionaries, should remain if they can. If the people do remain, and many of them will and must, then the missionaries ought to remain with them. The missionary who runs away is broken up in his home and his labors, and must find another field, for he cannot expect to return to the same people. But he that remains is master of the situation! He will have increased influence among the people whose hardships and sufferings he has been so willing to share, and perhaps he can do far more good among them than in prosperous times.

But what about their support? How shall they be fed? Well, first of

all, *the Lord reigns!* He is not straitened in his resources. He cares for his servants; oftentimes he interposes in most unexpected ways. Then the Board of Home Missions will do what it can. Though now so badly crippled, God's people will wake up to the emergency, and perhaps some special donations may be forwarded to the missionaries on these blighted fields; and as Paul said of a certain memorable occasion, "they which could swim cast themselves into the sea and got to land; and the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship; and so it came to pass, that they escaped, all safe to land." So, we trust, the Lord will bring his servants through the peril, by one means or another, and next year, perhaps, when good crops come, and prosperous times return, there may be great rejoicings by pastors and people at the good way in which the Lord had led them and the marvellous things he had done for his people.

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#### LETTER FROM INDIANA.

##### *What Figures Cannot Show.*

I feel that, although figures cannot lie, when rationally used, but this report does not, and cannot tell you what I have been doing during the year past. I feel that these cold and scattered characters cannot tell you anything about some of the blessed meetings we have had with these dear kind people. They cannot tell you the warmth and earnestness of many of the prayers I have heard during the last few weeks. They can't tell you the humble confessions, the hot and fast-falling tears, nor the anxious thoughts. But such there have been in all three of these little flocks. At P——, we held a meeting in December of thirteen days, and I think I may safely say, without boasting, that good was accomplished. In each of the other churches I have held meetings of a week's duration, and can truly say it was good to be there. To state particulars would be tedious to you, who are accustomed to hearing great things from different quarters of our glorious Zion—so I desist. But the great day will reveal it.

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#### BEREAVEMENTS.

We have lost three of our members by death; among them my own dear wife. The other two were also heads of families. Have lost several others, perhaps permanently, by removals. They have gone into the Klamath Lake country, and into the regions beyond, and around the "Lava Beds." There is in those regions great need for a missionary of our church. Our contributions to the several Boards would have been more, but for the financial embarrassments; though I urged our people to try and give as much as usual. It is to be remembered that we all worship in common with two or three other leading denominations, and our own members feel it to be a duty to give something to them also. Most truly yours,

M. A. W.

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#### A HAPPY PASTOR.

E——, Kansas.

At E——, on a pleasant day, the men, many of them, are obliged to go out of doors to make room for the women and children. If the Lord will, we shall lay the foundation for a church building at this place, after, as the farmer says, "the seed is in the ground." That is, after corn planting. The entire church and congregation are farmers. I have strong hopes of the ultimate success of this young church. The people are very kind, and



hold in high esteem the office of a pastor. This regard was manifest in a remarkable manner during the past winter. It pleased God to prostrate me with lung fever in the early part of winter, which rendered me unable to fill my appointments for six weeks. During that time every want, comfort, and convenience was anticipated by them. Not only this; but I had their earnest prayers, which was better than all. For it seems hard for God to do anything against the power of prayer. Just then, when I seemed to be looking over into the dark passage, He interposed and held me up. May the Lord bless them, make their corn grow plentifully, and convert all their children to himself. I would do injustice to this people if I did not notice also their universal kindness to myself and family. We expect two additions by letter at our next communion in May. Finally, on behalf of the whole charge, I will say I do not know of a division or feeling of unkindness. For all this we "thank God and take courage."

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#### KANSAS.

##### *Cast Down, but not Discouraged—Drought, Heat, and Grasshoppers.*

Truly the hand of the Lord is heavy on Kansas. The heat has been fearful—the thermometer at 100° to 110° for days together, and standing at 90° at 6 A.M. A hot dry wind, that scorches everything it touches, has blown most of the time for weeks. This calamity alone would have been hard to bear, but then followed the grasshoppers, and they are a scourge indeed. The corn crop is entirely and utterly gone; in some whole counties there will not be a bushel raised. People are moving out of the State by thousands.

We shall probably not organize another church this year. I shall discourage it unless in very favorable circumstances; and besides, the man on the ground will need larger appropriations than last year. But under all these circumstances, I see no reason for discouragement for our cause. There never was a time when the ear of the populace was more favorable to us than the present; and if we can sustain our churches in this emergency, we shall gain great vantage in the end. I will, as far as I am able, have the appropriations asked for as small as possible; but in face of such blank desolation it is not possible to reduce the general average.

T. H.

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#### "THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED."

##### *The "Wall built in troublous times"—Determined to "pull through."*

WAMEGO, Kansas.

I herewith send you my last quarterly report. I have spent a very happy year with the people of my charge. Without any special season of grace, I feel that my labors have been constantly blessed. Our congregations have increased all the while, so that they have at least doubled since the beginning of the year. The Sabbath-school also has about doubled, and I see a marked change in the moral aspect of the village generally. Since my last quarterly report, we have added five by certificate and two by profession. This makes twenty-two new members during the year. In the meantime several families have moved away, and others are preparing to move. *The calamity that has come upon us* through drought, chinch-bugs, and grasshoppers, threatens to scatter a large part of what has been gathered. We had hoped this fall to have paid our little debt (\$70), repair the church, and reduce the appropriation from the Board \$100. There never was a better prospect of abundant crops than we had early in the summer, and there could scarcely be a more complete failure in the end. Corn, potatoes, and all kinds of garden vegetables are clean gone. There is perhaps wheat enough to furnish bread, and

there is a partial crop of oats; but there is no surplus of anything to sell for money. The farmers have been obliged to sell their hogs (upon which they depended for their winter's meat) for a merely nominal price, because they have no grain to feed them. But I will not trouble you with these distressing details. I will only say that you are likely to have exaggeration on both sides. The authorities of the State, and many others who have an eye to the future, try to conceal our real poverty, while thousands of disheartened settlers who are leaving the State, give overdrawn statements of the distress.

It is the mutual desire of myself and the congregation to continue together another year. The officers of the church are at work trying to raise their part of the salary. If the Board will grant us the same we had the past year, I will try to pull through, though with the greatly increased cost of living, and the probable failure on the part of the congregation to pay the amount of their obligation, it will be a hard pull. Apart from pecuniary inability, everything is harmonious and in good working order. Under these circumstances I have assured the people that I will not forsake them, and I am quite sure the good Lord will not forsake me.

Yours truly,

A. E.

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#### ANOTHER BRAVE MISSIONARY DETERMINED TO REMAIN.

M——, Osage Co., Kansas.

The *drought*, the *chinch-bug*, and the *grasshoppers* have nearly destroyed the hope of men in subsisting in this part of the country during the winter. I understand thousands are leaving the State. Three families connected with the M—— church will leave for the East very soon, to be back next spring. Other members have lost everything (wheat, oats, and corn) they had to live on. What they will do for a living remains to be seen. It is very evident to me that many families in this part of the country will have to get out of it the best way they can, or be partly supported by benevolence from abroad. The country is new, and settlers are all beginners, nearly all in debt, and now a failure in crops. So you see the possibility of these churches doing more than is already pledged, is out of the question. So we must decide to leave the country, and this important field without the gospel, or must suffer, if needs be, with many others, and remain. *We have concluded to remain*, as it seems to be duty, and leave it all in the hands of our Heavenly Father. There is one consolation for the Board of Home Missions and the missionaries: though the General Assembly strike out \$70,000 from Home Missions, it cannot stop the flow of benevolence from the outgushing hearts of God's people in sending the gospel to the destitute, and at least a meagre supply of the wants of their missionaries. K.

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#### ENCOURAGEMENT.

S—— I——, Missouri.

C—— Presbyterian church received nine persons on profession of faith. Twenty-one others have been examined and approved by the Session, but as our communion will not be held until a week from next Sabbath, I cannot report them. Congregations are good, and there is a good state of religious feeling among the people. Prayer-meetings are well attended. Attendance at the morning Sabbath-school fair. The attendance at the afternoon school very large—the highest number present on one Sabbath fifteen hundred and thirty. A very deep interest pervades the minds of the teachers and scholars on the vital question of the soul's salvation, and numbers of our children are inquiring the way to Zion, "with their faces thitherward." We have a prayer-meeting every Sabbath at the close of the school. To see

scores of children weeping tears of sorrow on account of their sins, is a scene over which angels rejoice, and the loving Saviour bends with tenderest compassion and warmest sympathy.

At one of our session meetings we examined an old man of seventy, and a child of fourteen, both trusting in the same Saviour, washed in the same precious blood, and walking in the way to the same heaven. Many of our children are from German families, and go with their parents to their own churches, where evangelical influences and vital godliness are both greatly needed. We are laboring for the glory of God, and for the salvation of souls, and are, of course, anxious to secure the fruit of our own labors, as far as is consistent with Christian courtesy.

I preach twice every Sabbath, and deliver from one to three addresses. I can give no definite idea of the number of times I have prayed, or the number of personal conversations held during the past six weeks. A good deal of the time I have labored from nine o'clock in the morning until eleven at night without intermission, except at meals. I prefer wearing out to rusting out. I have no dread of the latter, but frequent premonitions of the former. The ancient promise has been fulfilled thus far: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." The rest beyond will be sweet, all the sweeter for the toil below.

#### NEBRASKA.

*Still pushing forward—Organizing Churches—The gospel must be preached and the Missionaries must be supported—Letter from the Synodical Missionary.*

Dear Brethren—I got home last evening after a long hard trip,—about three weeks; travelled 380 miles by rail, 270 in an open buggy, and 50 on horseback. Organized three churches, and have three or four more places partially looked up, where I think churches may be organized in a few months.

The Republican Valley is a very beautiful section of country. But the crop this year is nearly a total failure. After we get twelve or fifteen miles back from the river, the corn is entirely destroyed; from D——, a station out twelve miles from here, out 300 miles, as far as I went I did not see more than two or three fields that will yield anything worth harvesting. What the people are going to do I do not know. Corn is the staple. The first year on their homesteads they can't raise wheat, and I found many families that have nothing to live upon. It is going to be a very hard year for our missionaries. I do not see how the people can pay them hardly anything, and one thing I am sorry to see, the Board is under the necessity of cutting down the appropriations asked for. Whatever is cut down comes out of the minister. Poor as the people are, it is useless to ask them to give more than they have pledged. I just got a letter from Brother N——, of L——, saying he could get nothing from his people unless it would be a little prairie hay for his horse and cow. I wish some of our wealthy churches in the East could see and realize how poor the people are here, and how much our ministers need help.

The fact is, whatever our Home Missionaries of this State have to live upon this winter, must come almost entirely from the Board. N. C. R.

#### DAKOTA TERRITORY.

BISMARCK, Dakota.

*Grasshoppers—Gold excitement.*

The season has been a very discouraging one to almost every one in this region. *Grasshoppers and the want of rain* have destroyed the little that was planted by those on farms and claims. It will be a struggle with these

people to get through the winter; and business in the place has been very dull.

The expected return of Custer from the Black Hills, and the report of gold, is beginning to create some excitement; this being the nearest point by rail, it is thought, as a base for supplies and fitting out, our population will be largely increased and much business done. But these gold reports are not always reliable.

#### A DIFFERENT PICTURE.

*A church becomes self-sustaining, notwithstanding grasshoppers and the drought.*

OREGON, Missouri.

We have concluded for the present to make no further application for aid to the Board. There are several reasons for it; the principal one is the embarrassed condition of the Board, both from the debt under which it rested and the heavy additional drain that will now be made upon it on account of the destruction of crops in the west and north-west. Again, with only one exception, perhaps all the churches of this Presbytery are on the Board, so that it seems, when it is *possible*, our churches should cease to ask aid.

It is possible that we may be compelled at some future time to go back to you, but I hope not. Hope church being set off, crippled this one; then the drought, and now the grasshoppers, have injured the crops greatly; so that, under these circumstances, it is harder to support the pastor than usual. But more than all, we need a refreshing from the presence of the Lord to bring men to Christ, and to consecrate the resources of the people to the Lord; for this will you not join me in your prayers? With heartiest thanks for the uniform kindness you have shown to me, I am your servant in the Lord,

J. S. McC.

#### HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US!

*Self-sustaining.*

—, Ohio.

Whereas, The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church having aided us for the past three years, and God in his good providence having prospered us insomuch that we hope from this time to be able to sustain the gospel in our midst without additional aid—at all events will make strenuous efforts to be a self-sustaining church; therefore

*Resolved*, That while we do give God the praise, for "He giveth the increase" and the glory is due to his name—we, the members of the R— and L— church, do hereby tender our thanks to the Board of Home Missions, the servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, for generous and timely aid.

The above was unanimously passed by the congregation last night.

Yours in Christ,

W. A. H.

#### SELF-SUSTAINING.

I—, Iowa, July 21st, 1874.

*Dear Brethren*—I write you a line to notify you that the church of I— has raised a salary of \$1,000 for me, and is now self-supporting: I look back with joy and gratitude to God over my seven years of labor here. When I came, the church numbered 44 members, worshipping in an old school-room. Since that time 230 have been added, 122 of them on profession of their faith. The membership now numbers 180. Also a good house of worship has been erected at a cost of \$8,000, and entirely paid for. At these results I feel thankful to God, and grateful to the Board of Home Missions for the aid which it has so cheerfully granted. But while I rejoice in the prosperity of this church, I regret to sever my connection with the Board. I feel that the Master has so smiled upon my labors as a missionary, that I would rather

be one still. And, although my relation to my church is a happy one, yet if the Board would call me to some mission field where I might be useful, I would feel inclined to go.

Yours, very truly, in the work of the gospel.

S. J.

### ANOTHER CHURCH BECOMES SELF-SUSTAINING.

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Sept. 1, 1874.

*Dear Brethren*—I present herewith my final report for this year, and the last one which may be expected from this church. Two weeks since the church and congregation voted to become self-sustaining, having a month previous to this voted to make the effort for self-support, and feeling confident they would be able to make up the full sum of \$1000 for the pastor's salary. This is \$400 more than they have ever done previously, and it is exceedingly gratifying to be able to report it. Besides the increment derived from the revival last winter, there has been this summer a steady growth.

The town of Santa Clara is not a manufacturing one, growing rapidly and with much bustle; it is a quiet one, well supplied with schools and churches, in the midst of the garden valley of California, and with well-to-do farmers on all sides. There is a steady influx, too, of families from the East, some one or more members of which are in search of health. As their search is usually successful, they are led by their happy acquaintance with the place to permanently locate in it. I think you are to be congratulated, therefore, in the work you have done for us here, believing that it will yet be repaid you a hundred fold. *I have proposed to the ladies of our Women's Foreign Mission Auxiliary, to connect the Home Mission with it, and I think they will do it at their meeting next Saturday.*

There is here, as further East, a good deal of unrest among the people and love of change; emigration now setting out is to the southern part of the State. Yet may it not be that as the precious metal must frequently be separated from the base alloy by the aid of mercury, so this mercurial condition is sent of Him who would have us prepared to pass quickly to the heavenly home.

E. H. P.

### HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS

MADE IN AUGUST, 1874.

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| Rev. H. Benson, Apalachin ch., N. Y.                           | Rev. S. J. Brownson, Maiden Rock and Egbert chs., Minn.                |
| Rev. E. W. Kellogg, Truxton ch., N. Y.                         | Rev. S. Hazlett, Harmony and Glasgow chs., Minnesota.                  |
| Rev. H. W. Lee, Laurens ch., N. Y.                             | Rev. C. M. Howe, Eldora and Point Pleasant chs., Iowa.                 |
| Rev. George Craig, Chill ch., N. Y.                            | Rev. W. H. Goodison, Dallas Centre and Minburn chs., Iowa.             |
| Rev. J. G. Lyle, Homestead ch., Pa.                            | Rev. G. A. Hutchison, North Platte, Plum Creek, and Overton chs., Neb. |
| Rev. A. T. Dobson, Chester ch., Pa.                            | Rev. W. H. Hsley, Hopkins ch., Mo.                                     |
| Rev. E. C. Johnston, Petersburg and Oakland chs., Ind.         | Rev. A. W. Milster, Nevada City ch., Mo.                               |
| Rev. W. K. Ingersoll, Wyandotte ch., Mich.                     | Rev. H. C. Bradbury, Minneapolis ch., Kan.                             |
| Rev. E. M. Toof, Schoolcraft ch., Mich.                        | Rev. J. L. Gage, Georgetown ch., Colorado.                             |
| Rev. J. G. Wells, Hixton ch., Wis.                             | Rev. J. F. Stewart, Evans, Platteville, and Coroma chs., Col.          |
| Rev. James T. Ford, Oxford and Parkwaukee chs., Wis.           | Rev. L. B. Crittenden, Eastern Montana, Mon.                           |
| Rev. H. F. Smidt, Liberty German ch., Wis.                     | Rev. George Ross, Tualitin Plains, Oregon.                             |
| Rev. John Berk, Rockville and Hurricane German ch., Wis.       |  |
| Rev. Edward Savage, Windom, Jackson, and St. James chs., Minn. |  |

### RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN AUGUST 1874.

☛ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

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| ALBANY— <i>Albany</i> —Amsterdam 2d 48; Carlisle 12; Sand Lake 5; Saratoga Springs 2d 8 84. <i>Champlain</i> —Keeseville 10; Port Henry 55 15. <i>Columbia</i> —Cairo 5 25. <i>Troy</i> —Hoosic Falls 37 80; Queensbury Bay Road 10; Stillwater 2d 10 | CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Otsego</i> —Franklin 3 33; New Berlin 11; Springfield 100. <i>Syracuse</i> —Oswego 1st 82 10. <i>Utica</i> —Oneida Castle 14; Vernon Centre 3 70 |
| 202 04  | 214 13   |
| BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Baltimore, Brown Memorial, Young Men's Assoc'n 62 50; Baltimore, Westminster, a member 5; Churchville 36  | CINCINNATI.— <i>Chillicothe</i> —Bloomingsburgh 46; Moureytown, French 5. <i>Dayton</i> —Gettysburgh 11; Xenia 37 89. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Felicity 10; Rev J R Gibson 5 |
| 103 50  | 114 89   |
|   | CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Collamer 25; Rome  |

2 47. *Mohoning*—Kinsman 40; Petersburg 4 80; Youngstown 1st 35 80. *Steubenville*—Bloomfield 6; Cross Creek 7 50; Yellow Creek 38 55

COLORADO.—*Wyoming*—Alta. 10 00

COLUMBUS.—*Marion*—Brown 5. *Wooster*—Wooster 25 78 30 78

ERIE.—*Butler*—Centre 6 93. *Erie*—Mill Village 5 20; Venango 5 58. *Kittanning*—Appleby Manor 4 60; Concord 9; Mahoning 16 47 31

GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Elmira 1st 14 80. *Steuben*—Addison 6; Myron Hurlbut 2 96 23 76

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Harri-burgh, Market Square, from Mrs Eliza E Haldeman 50; Waynesboro 11 28. *Huntingdon*—Bedford, Legacy of Mrs Burd 4 84; Clearfield 9 44; Duncansville 10 84; Lewistown 48 34; Shaver's Creek 6. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d 13 98. *Wellsboro*—Allegany 5; Fall Brook 13 23; Morris Run 3 75 259 71

ILLINOIS. CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Jersey. add'l 2. *Schuyler*—Chili 4; Mt Sterling 1st, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 100. *Springfield*—Virginia 20 50 126 50

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago, 1st German 5; Chicago, 31st St 50; Dunton 13. *Freeport*—Ridotte 15. *Rock River*—Perryton 2 85 00

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Elin Point 2 35; Hillsboro 5 50; Plum Creek (Sab-sech 5 20) 6 25; Sugar Creek 5 75. *Caro*—Grund Tower 1 96; Mount City 4 50; Shawneetown 5 69. *Mattoon*—Tuscola 1st 15 42; Tuscola 2d 2 49 42

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Bethel 4; Darlington 5; Dayton, Mrs C B Carnahan's Sabbath class 3; Dover 8; Hopewell 1 74; Zionsville 6. *Fort Wayne*—La Grange 6 10; Lima 10. *Logansport*—South Bend 2d 3; Union 5. *Muncie*—Wabash 10 61 62 45

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Ebenezer 6; New Washington 20. *Vincennes*—Terre Haute 2d 17 43 00

IOWA, NORTH.—*Fort Dodge*—Bethel 1 85; Dakota and Springvale 1; Prairie Creek and Luni 65 cts. *Waterloo*—Albion 7 10 50

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Avoca 5; Walnut 5. *Iowa*—Keokuk, Westminster 23 52; Kosuth 1st 5 54; Mt Pleasant 1st 13 88. *Iowa City*—Malcom 2. *Omaha*—West Point 4 58 94

KANSAS.—*Austin*—Galveston, 1st German 7. *Emporia*—Emporia 2d, Welsh 4 33; Salem, Welsh 4 32. *Highland*—Belleville 4 50; Scotch Plains 4 75. *Neosho*—Pleasanton 1 75. *Topeka*—Manhattan 10; Spring Hill 4 40 65

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville, Walnut St 3 67; Marion 13 16 67

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st, Henry St 150; Brooklyn, Throop Avenue 44 65. *Long Island*—Westhampton 20 214 05

MICHIGAN.—*Grand Rapids*—Ewart 10. *Lansing*—Lansing 1st, Sab-sech 12 50. *Monroe*—Monroe 15. *Saginaw*—Bay City 18 93 56 43

MINNESOTA.—*Dakota*—Ascension 1; Good Will 4; Kettle Lakes 1; Long Hollow 4. *Winona*—Preston 11; Rev J L Howell 6 66 27 66

MISSOURI.—*Ozark*—Joplin 5. *Palmyra*—Bird's Eye Ridge 2 24; Louisiana 8 50; Sullivan 1st 2 44; Rev James Reed 5. *Platte*—Rockport 5; Tarkio 5. *St Louis*—Bethel Ge 20 53 18

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—New Providence 15; Pluckamin 4 31; Summit West 8 74; Westfield 13 56. *Jersey City*—Jersey City, Bergen 1st, from Mr and Mrs S Broadwell 25; Tenafly 11 96. *Morris and Orange*—Morristown 1st 36 46; Whippany 30. *Newark*—Newark, Park 7 73; Newark, Roseville (in part) 281 62. *New Brunswick*—Stockton 6 50. *Newton*—Newton 327; Oxford 1st 15 782 88

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Londonberry 25 50. *Hudson*—Cochecton 61 cts; Goodwill 14 80; Greenbush 25; Hamptonburgh 9 37; Middletown 1st 20 43; Middletown 2d 15 03; Palisades 5; Washingtonville 2d 15. *New York*—Harlem 1st 9 60. *North River*—Cornwall 21. *Westchester*—New Haven 1st 10; Thompsonville 38 11 209 45

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Bloomfield 6 50; Davisville 17; Uriah 21; Valley Forge 5; Westminster 14. *Oregon*—Corvallis 20; Portland 662. *Sacramento*—Culosa 29 75. *San Francisco*—Brooklyn 25; Oakland 1st 20; San Francisco, Calvary 20. *San Jose*—Bakersfield 9 50 843 75

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Bryn Mawr 27 38; Forks of Brandywine 20; Great Valley 15; Media 8 14. *Lackawanna*—Columbia 24 Roads 10; Dimock 60 cts; Herrick 3; Laporte 10; Liberty 3 28; Orwell 17; Rome 3; Rushville 3; Springville 1 90; Stevensville 7; Wyalusing 1st 22. *Lehigh*—Mahany City, from John Phillips 2 50; Weatherly 15. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia North 142 10. *Philadelphia North*—Chestnut Hill 151 83; Rev B Roberts 10. *Westminster*—Monegan 12 83; New Harmony 20 505 56

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—New Alexandria 14 45. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 1 9 53; Monongahela City 117 32; Pittsburgh 2d 23 25; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 9 31. *Washington*—Waynesburgh 31 80; Wheeling 4th 57 cts 306 23

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Timber Ridge 5. *Union*—Caledonia 4 35; Mt Horeb 5 35 14 70

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 10 54; Bucyrus 6 02; Wyandotte 2 50. *Huron*—Green Springs 6 33; Republic 1 96. *Lima*—Delphos 1 98. *Maumee*—Perrysburgh 15 44 38

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo, Westminster 38 84; Silver Creek 19 27; Westfield 10 04. *Rochester*—Genesee 1st 11 35; Livonia 100; Rochester Central 46 86 2 26 36

WISCONSIN.—*Lake Superior*—Oconto 15 87. *Milwaukee*—Delafield 1 75; Ottawa 1 73; Stone Bank 5 50. *Wisconsin River*—Madison 20 42 27

Total received from churches, \$4,905 27

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Joseph W Lester, dec'd, late of New York City, 2500. Legacy of Edward Robins, dec'd, (in part) 100. less expenses 7 50—92 50; Legacy of Mrs C H L Brown, Minonk, Ill, (add'l) 101 66 2,694 16

MISCELLANEOUS.—W H 5; Interest 2 20; Rev C A Williams, Geneva, Wis 50; Rev J L Lyons, Jacksonville, Florida 5; Jacob Leyenberger, Montour, Iowa 10; D B Coulter, Esq, Prescott Wis 3; Rev W H Williams, Hendersonville, N C 10; J O Werrallo, Chardon, O 2; Cash 10; "For the Lo d's Work of Home Missions" 30; Rev J M Roberts, Taos, New Mexico 1; Ferry Ministry Fund 187 50; A Friend 1; Yandis Fund 250; Isaac Parsons Esq, Minonk, Ill 50; Rev S A Hughes, Parker City, Pa 5 621 70

Total in August, \$8,311 13

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### HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

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## SUSTENTATION DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Home Missions do not propose to send out any more blanks for quarterly reports, for the following reasons:

1. Full instructions are found under the head of Sustentation in the August number of the *Record*.

2. All the men commissioned by our Board will be furnished with a commission containing full instructions.

3. The Reports, which are made by filling blanks, are necessarily very meagre; they contain merely statistics, without any detailed or enlarged statements which we can publish for the information of the people.

Many of the Presbyteries have received from this office a detailed account of amounts paid to their missionaries the last year; and by reference to our Annual Report, they can see what they have also paid into our Treasury. We should have been glad to have sent a similar statement with regard to Sustentation. But the books of the Committee have come into our hands so recently that we have not been able to tabulate the statistics in due form so as to have them ready for publication.

Our friends ought to bear in mind our heavy debt,—remember especially that we owe it, or nearly all of it, to men who have actually done their work months ago, and are now in distress waiting for their pay. We have borrowed all the money we feel at liberty to borrow for the use of both departments, and in about an equal ratio; but still the amount yet due to the missionaries is very large and daily growing.

It should be remembered that by instructions of the Assembly the Home Mission and Sustentation Departments of this Board have separate Treasuries. What is paid to one Department cannot be transferred to the other. The Sustentation are farther behind in their payments than the Home Missionaries. But we pay them as fast as we can get the money into their Treasury, and we beg of the people of God to come to the help of these men speedily. They are suffering, and must have help.

H—, New York.

Dear Sir—The church of H—, N. Y., was under the care of Sustentation Committee for one year—from Jan. 17th, 1873-'74. We met all the conditions—forwarded all the reports. We have received one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars, having applied for two hundred (\$200). Our reports were forwarded, but we have not received the last quarterage, due last January. I need the money—can't tell you *how much*; perhaps my wife and children could, if you were only within speaking distance. Please do forward as soon as possible. A large family and sick wife have drained my purse *dry*. Truly yours, Z. N. B.

S—, N. J., July 6th, 1874.

Dear Brother—At our last monthly meeting the Session of the church here instructed their Moderator to drop a few lines to you, explanatory of their condition with the Board of Sustentation. We know that the change from Pittsburg to New York involves a great deal of new work. We propose to state the history of our case in a few words, and perhaps aid you in wading through the multiplicity of papers.

We hold receipt for *forty* dollars. Appropriation asked, *two hundred*. Application granted. *First* quarter due the church March 26th, 1874, amount fifty dollars. Not paid. *Second* quarter, due June 26th, same amount. Not paid.

This sum is sadly wanting. Our church has suffered *much* from panic, reduction of wages and hours, and removals, causing their pastor to sell some of his own property to keep the wolf from the door.

Next Sabbath we shall contribute our mite towards fulfilling the pledge given by the Commissioners of Monmouth Presbytery at the General Assembly.

If our case can be reached at an early day, it would be thankfully acknowledged by pastor and people. Have we intruded? Pardon us. We are not of the number who would make public their own wants or their charities. We thought such a few lines would aid you. Believe me to be yours fraternally, R. J. B.

E—, Kansas.

Dear Brethren—From the reports of the action of the late General Assembly, and also from your own report in the *Record* for the present month (July), I see that the missionaries under the Sustentation Committee are turned over to the Board of Home Missions. I am glad of the change, and did what little I could to bring it about.

I have been for 25 years an ordained minister, and most of the time under commission of the Board, in the Old school branch. I have seen prosperity and adversity, during all which time I do not remember ever to have uttered one word of complaint, nor do I intend to do so now; but through the long delay of the Committee of Sustentation, I have become embarrassed to that extent that I am compelled to break up.

My second year expires on this field, as pastor of the churches of E— and C—, in one month from now. My pay on the field is all secured except the last quarter at C—, which will no doubt be provided for soon. The Committee promised me \$300. I have received \$75 only, and there will be due me \$225. I have a sick wife and three daughters to support, and I cannot stay on this field; one of my principal supporters, (or rather, two of them in one firm,) have become so much out of patience with me that I do not suppose they would pay one cent to deliver me from purgatory. I must pay these men, and I must get off this field. I leave a people that I am much attached to, and a half-finished house of worship at this place. Now, dear brethren, will one of you be so kind as to climb up the side of your *crib*, and see if there is \$225 in there, and be sure and leave that much in the crib until my report reaches you next month. And may the Lord sustain you, my dear brethren, in your great, arduous, anxious work for His dear name.

Your brother in Christ, W. M. S.

## RECEIPTS IN AUGUST 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs 2d	2 19	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Media 2 02.	<i>Lackawanna</i> —Liberty 81 cts.	<i>Lehigh</i> —Mahanoy City, from John Phillips 2 50; Shenandoah 3; Weatherly 25.	<i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Philadelphia, West Arch St 47	80 33
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Olsego</i> —Franklin 82 cts.		PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria 3 33.	<i>Pittsburgh</i> —Pittsburgh 2d 5 65; Shady Side 2 30; Monongahela City 27 84; East Liberty 32 51.	<i>Washington</i> —Wheeling 4th 14 cts		71 77
SYRACUSE.— <i>Syracuse</i> 1st 47 90; Amboy 12.	<i>Utica</i>	TENNESSEE.— <i>Union</i> —Washington 4 85; Caledonia 3 30; New Prospect 1 85				10 00
—Vernon Centre 92 cts; Oneida Castle 4	65 64	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bucyrus 1 25; Bellefontaine 1st 2 62.	<i>Huron</i> —Republic 48 cts.	<i>Lima</i> —Delphos 48 cts.	<i>Maumee</i> —Maumee 49 15	44 98
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Rome 61 cts	61	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Westfield 2 49; Buffalo, Westminster 9 64.	<i>Genesee Valley</i> —Ellettsville 6.	<i>Rochester</i> —Rochester Central 11 62		29 75
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre 1 71; Summit 72 cents	2 43	WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Delafield 42 cents;	<i>Ottawa</i> 42 cts.	<i>Winnebago</i> —Horicon 2		2 84
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Cayuga 7 80.	<i>Chemung</i> —Elmira 1st 3 66.	ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Schwuyler</i> —Chili				5 00
— <i>Steuben</i> —Myron Hurlbut, Cornellsville 73 cents	12 19	ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Cairo</i> —Shawneetown 1 42;	Grand Tower 49 cts.	<i>Mattoon</i> —Tuscola 3 84		5 75
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Harrisburgh, Pine St 169 01; Waynesboro 2 79.	<i>Huntingdon</i> —Shaver's Creek 3; Duncansville 12; Lewistown 12; Bedford, Legacy of Mrs E W Burd 1 20.	<i>Northumberland</i> —Williamsport 2d 3 95				2 03 95
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash	2 63	INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Greencastle				11 45
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Greencastle	11 45	IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Iowa</i> —Keckuk, Westminster 1st	5 83; Mt Pleasant 3 26; Shunam 4 40; Kosciusko 1 37			14 86
KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Louisville, Walnut St	90 cents	LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn 1st, Henry St				53 76
MICHIGAN.— <i>Saginaw</i> —Bay City	3 13	MISSOURI.— <i>Palmyra</i> —Bird's Eye Ridge 56 cts;	Sullivan 1st 61 cts.	<i>Potosi</i> —Ironton 5		6 17
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Pluckamin 1 08; Summit West 2 17; Westfield 3 37.	<i>Jersey City</i> —Tenafly 2 97.	<i>Morris and Orange</i> —Morristown 1st 9 05.	<i>Newark</i> —Newark, Park 1 92.	<i>New Brunswick</i> —Stockton 2; Trenton 4th 125.	<i>Newtown</i> —Montana 10	157 56
NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Middletown 1st 3 83; Cochection 15 cts; Good Will 3 66; Middletown 2d	3 72; Palisades 1; Hamptonburg 2 33.	<i>New York</i> —Brick ch Chapel 25 50.	<i>Westchester</i> —Greensburg 37 11			77 30

Total received from churches, \$865 19

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev J L Lyons, Jacksonville, Florida 5; Mrs Sarah S Dennis, Jasper, N Y 1; Rev S A Hughes, Parker City, Pa 5

Total in August, \$876 19

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—LUKE X. 2.

### THE TREASURY.

The receipts for August, it will be observed, are about one-half of what they usually are for that month.

For the three summer months, the receipts, during the last four years, have been as follows: 1871, \$9,319; 1872, \$16,969; 1873, \$9,255; 1874, \$7,665.

Before October, hundreds of Professors' Reports will be coming in from all parts of the country. We trust special contributions from individuals will be sent to our Treasury, and that churches which take up their collections at this season will make them as large as possible. *We must pay the students when promised.*

### RAIN! RAIN! RAIN!

For weeks the earth has been baking under the sun. The roads and fields have been dissolving to powder, blown about by the wind and discoloring the sky. The later harvests of many farms have been ruined. The beds of the streams are fetid and fever-breeding pools. The dry grass by the railroads catches fire from the sparks of the locomotives. The flames spread in many corn and grain fields, in orchards and nurseries, and in pine woods, of which hundreds of acres have been destroyed. Men and brutes are suffering for water. What is wanted? Rain!

Rain will relieve and rejoice men and beasts. Rain will save crops and woods. Rain will banish sickness. Rain will make public travelling safe. Rain will restate the blue of the sky. Rain is the one imperative universal necessity.

"I have withholden the rain from you, \* \* \* yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD."

"It is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

"Elias prayed earnestly, \* \* \* and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."

"I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing."

The God of providence is the God of the promises. He is the Almighty. He uses nature to illustrate, and to compel us to walk in, the ways of grace.

God has appointed means for the revival of the Church. What great, perishing drought there! What need of rain! Of a great and universal rain!

Will not the reader join in the earnest prayer that the Synods to convene this month may be scenes of prayer like those which preceded Pentecost. That upon them may descend "showers of blessing" which shall fill the places where they shall sit. That all our ministry, and candidates for the ministry, and eldership, may be filled with the Holy Ghost, and speak with new tongues as the Spirit shall give them utterance. That God would speedily give to his parched and barren Church, and to a perishing world, with but a tuft of living green here and there over its dead wildernesses, a great, and universal, and sufficient rain.

### THE POSITION OF AMERICA.

An impressive, in some senses a hopeful, but in others a distressing, thought, which demands the consideration of every Christian at this hour, is that of the responsibility of America in the position to which God has lifted her among the nations.

This republic is but three generations old. In the first generation the civilized world regarded it with curiosity; in the second with dislike; in the third with admiration.

In this third generation, it has dug twelve hundred millions in gold from its mountains, and proved that this is but an earnest of what is to come. It has crushed out a vast rebellion, and given freedom to three million slaves. It has incurred, and is rapidly paying, national debts of four thousand millions of dollars, which are not the one-third of all that the war cost it. It is feeding Europe with its wheat, and lighting it with its oil. The nations are astonished with the energy which has possessed it with a population greater than that of either Great Britain, France, or Germany, while it is yet comparatively in its childhood.

It is not needful here to speak of the immense influence of political principles, wrought out of God in the precedents of this republic, which have moved the foundations of every kingly and priestly power in the old world.

The inventions of America, originated to economize or relieve labor by the necessities of the New World, have changed the common occupations of men, lightened their toils, and enriched multitudes of the poor, in the Old World. The homes of the poor become larger, and brighter, and happier, by "the American tramway," or street-car, which carries them out of the crowded cities to the cheap and airy suburbs. The distant journeys of men of business are made easy and rapid by what is styled "the American steamboat," or "the American sleeping-car." While hundreds of thousands of men and women annually abandon their old ties of allegiance and affection for the hopes, often exaggerated, enkindled from this new land, there are manifold more who look across the water, and sigh, and trust the day will come when they or their children will follow.

And now God makes all these benefits and these hopes of the souls of men to inure to the advancement of the kingdom of grace. American religious books are translated and read with the utmost avidity in many European languages. Sermons, religious articles from the newspapers, and facts exhibiting the comparative spirituality, catholicity, and rapid progress of religion in America are abundantly reproduced and made the subjects of comment. These influences strongly move the hearts of the common people; though the upper classes disregard or dislike them. They are creating evangelical "sects." They are bringing down the high ritualism of old state churches. American preachers of the gospel are laboring in some of the principal European centres of religious influence.

The revivals of religion with which God has here so manifestly lifted to higher planes the progress of his kingdom have been great themes of wonder and inquiry. "Why," it has been asked, "do we not have such things in our country?" Many have begun to pray for such "revivals" as they read of here; and with contriteness and brokenness of heart to ask of God that his Holy Spirit may visit them and their churches and nations.

No finite mind can estimate where the great revival which has followed the labors of two fervent American laymen in Great Britain will end. That which began here in the winter of 1857, in the Fulton Street prayer-meeting and the Convention for prayer at Pittsburgh, went rolling round the world. Its effects were felt in the mission fields of Asia and Africa. The Scottish and English newspapers tell us that the present revival immeasurably exceeds all that recent generations have known. "There has been nothing like it since the Great Reformation." One of them asks, "Why should it not be *the last revival?*" Why should it not rise, and swell, and run, till it fills with holy joy the whole world.

These declarations in regard to the influence of America upon Europe might readi-

ly be extended, with suitable variations, to the other continents. But we are most interested, as a people, in Europe. It is eminently the continent of civilization; of commercial and political and religious supremacy. We are only a daughter, just attaining her majority. But a daughter whose spirit and acts have much influence for good or ill.

Is there one man who will read this article, and seriously and prayerfully weigh now these general facts, which probably are not new to him, upon whom it will make the impression?—"Well, God helping me, I will try and make my country a better country. I see how she is set to be 'a light to the world.' I am distressed with the sins and ungodliness which prevail in her. I am to blame, according to my measure of influence, for her dark places and her habitations of iniquity. I will do more to make the saving and sanctifying power of the gospel felt in the families around me. I will exert myself more actively, and sincerely, to interest others in missions and education. I will, with sincere gratitude for the privilege, try to incline the hearts of the young who are dear to me to give themselves to labors for the salvation of souls, and for the wide spread of the gospel. I will help the Church in her ordained means to increase a zealous ministry, and discipline them for the great designs of my Saviour's kingdom. May God pour out His spirit on our land, on the Church, on the young men. May God help me."

#### VALUABLE SYNODICAL REPORTS.

Presbyterians have good reason to be encouraged by the evidence of real progress in Church-work, which is afforded by the printed Minutes of its Synods. It is but a few years since few Synods thought it worth while to print their minutes. And when it was done, the defectiveness and want of system in the performance of the duties of the Synod were very apparent. But the minutes which come to us now, from most of the Synods, are really valuable. The pamphlets are beautifully printed; the work of the clerks is intelligently done; the reports on various departments of work and topics in interest are carefully prepared, with earnest and practical ends; and the accompanying tabular and statistical information is calculated to be very useful to the eldership and members of the churches of the Synod and to other readers. We would be glad, did our space permit, to quote freely from several of the excellent reports on Education. We can however give but the following extracts.

The Synod of New York thus supports the Board in its efforts in behalf of careful and thorough training:

"A ministry, so far educated in general knowledge as to command the respect of the community in which it labors, and so thoroughly grounded in the Scriptures as to be a safe spiritual guide to those it instructs, is in accord with the example of the first apostles and teachers of the Church; who, whatever their origin and natural abilities, were rendered men of learning and even of powerful speech by the special action of the Holy Spirit. It is for the Church in these days, when miraculous gifts are no longer bestowed, to seek the attainment of the same ends, by the ordinary methods that appeal to our judgment. What is so evident to our reason is abundantly supported by the history of the Church, whose stability and growth have always been most marked where its ministers have been most carefully trained. Indeed, our own Presbyterian body has, under God, been blest with so sound, stalwart, and extensive a growth from this very cause, that it has ever been most attentive to the thorough education of its pastors and teachers."

The Synod of Central New York notices the obstacles which have in the past been thrown in the way of this cause, and emphatically says:

"It may be affirmed that the Presbyterian Church designs to maintain its Education work in all its distinctive features. It becomes us as a constituent por-

tion of the body to give a cordial and hearty support to the Board, and to avoid and discourage everything tending to embarrass the progress of a cause so vital to every interest of the Church." The Synod adds a judicious and often needed suggestion to Presbyteries to unite, along with all care and strictness in voting for the recommendation of candidates, consideration and sympathy for devoted and promising men. "The well-meant effort to exclude unworthy men from the benefits of the Education fund must not be pushed so far, nor in such ways, as actually to dry up that source of supply, the poor but pious households of the Church, from which, in every generation, have come some of the brightest lights upon the golden candlesticks both in the home and foreign service."

The Synod of Wisconsin brings out a most important point in the call that every congregation, and every church member, shall do something for this cause. The half dimes of the female members, the pennies of the children, are precious. These may be but drops. But God has not much sympathy with the ambitious way of doing good by big single efforts. He gives us food by grains; and every head of wheat with its tiny load he nourishes by "little drops of water" sent from the heavens. Every "little drop" has its own blest little mission. Had the water of a shower come down in one mass, it would have been a dreadful calamity to any town. In drops it is a widespread blessing. The Synod speaks as follows:

"The Presbyterian Board of Education is an instrumentality too well tried, and too rich in the names and history and work of noble men whom it has brought as reapers into the great field of the world, and too much of a necessity now for the supply of laborers, to suffer for the want of a hearty coöperation on the part of every church and every church member within our bounds."

(Receipts in July, concluded from page 270.)

NEW YORK—Hudson—Colection 21 cis; Goodwill 5 64; Hempburgh 2 58; Middletown 2d 4 06; Nyack 5 34; Seelytown 2 13; Washingtonville 1st 2 75. New York—New York, Ch of the Sea and Land 1 52; New York, Madison Square, 50; New York Scotch 34. 8; New York 4th 2. 87. North River—Hinghamville 2 32. Westchester—North Salem 5; Port Chester 2 75. 145 18

PACIFIC—Benicia—Davisville 15; Westminster 13. 28 00

PHILADELPHIA—"D" 20. Chester—Charleston 6; East Whitford 12; New London 13 75. Lackawanna—Carbondale 10; Scranton, Washburne 25. Lehigh—Adelantown 13 07; Lower Mt Bethel 1 81. Philadelphia Central—Philadelphia, Kensington 1st 10 25. Philadelphia North—Doylestown and Deep Run, add'l 1. Westminster—Chesnut Level 17 86; Union 1 28. 162 02

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Black Lick 5; Blairsville 10 65; New Alexandria 4 35. Pittsburgh—Lebanon 8 75; Pittsburgh 2d 9 82; Pittsburgh, Steady Side 8. Rodstone—McKeesport 1st 25; Mt Pleasant 22; Round Hill 2 6. Washington—Chastelle 25 39; Cross Creek 44 65; Florence 7 06; Wheeling 31 8 50; Wheeling 4th 16 cis. West Virginia—Gnatly Creek 3. 281 30

TENNESSEE—Union—Knoxville 2d 44 10; New Prospect 2. 46 10

TOLEDO—Bellefontaine—Pelle Centre 5 25; Bucyrus 1 45; Huntsville 2 25; Spring Hills 5 50. 14 45

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Westfield 7 17. Genesee—Batton 12; Wyoming 7. Rochester—Rochester Central 15 40; Rochester, Westminster 1 97. 47 64

WISCONSIN—Chippewa—Horton 2 25. Milwaukee—Delabfield 07 cis. Wisconsin River—Portage 5. 7 62

Total, \$2,355 80

REFUNDED.  
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MEMORIAL FUND.  
Rev P R Vacatia Lafayette, Ind 238 00

MISCELLANEOUS.  
"T J S" Trenton, N J 50; Mrs Rev W R Halber, Pa 1; Mrs Dr W H Magill, Daville, Pa 3; T S Carson, Tenn 50 cis; Mrs J E DeKlyne 5. 59 50

Total Receipts in July, \$2,963 30

### RECEIPTS IN AUGUST 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in italics—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—Albany—Corinth 2 65; Rockwell Falls 12 25; Saratoga Springs 2d 2 48. 17 78

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore—Cumberland 17 70; Deer Creek (Harmony) 12 78; Mt Airy (Harmony) 4. New Castle—Madokn 16 52. Washington City—Washington 6th, Miss Soc'y 30. 80 80

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Otsego—Franklin 93 cis. Syracuse—Fayetteville 25 25. Utica—Vernon Centre 1 13. 27 21

CINCINNATI.—Chillicothe—Hillstoro 38 13. Portsmouth—Mt Lebanon 4 55. 42 68

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland—Cleveland 2d 10; Norfield 4; Rome 49 cis. Mahoning—Youngstown 25 51. S. Cansville—Olive 6 63. Steubenville—Steubenville Old 35. 171 85

FRISCO.—Butler—Centre 1 92; Centreville 20. Erie—Mill Village 7 17. Shawango—Shipley Rock 10. 39 10

GENEVA.—Chowburg—Elmira 1st 4 12. Geneva—Seneca 27 50. Steuben—Campbell 16 96. 48 58

(Balance of Receipts next month.)

Total Receipts in August, \$8,533 70

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## BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

### RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

**DEATH OF REV. HENRY H. SPALDING.**—It is with much regret we have to report the death of Mr. Spalding, at Lipwai, August 31. His serious and protracted illness, already known to our readers, was thought to be in a good measure removed, and it was hoped that he could soon resume his work. But such was not the will of God. His last days were full of peace; his last words were "Jesus only." Mr. Spalding was born in the year 1804. His name and labors among the Nez Percés and other north western Indians, will ever form a part of their history. We hope a sketch of his life will be furnished for publication.

**NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.**—The arrival out of the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., is reported; and the return of the Rev. J. P. Williamson to Yankton, from his visit to Fort Peck on the Upper Missouri,—particulars hereafter. The Rev. R. Thackwell, of the Lodianna Mission, made a visit to Scotland to make arrangements for the education of his motherless children. He spent a few weeks in this country, but has set out on his return to India. The Rev. G. A. Davenport, M. D., of the Ningpo Mission, has returned to this country, under his convictions of duty to his family in view of recent affliction, and has thus closed his connection with the Board as one of its missionaries. Miss Jane N. Woodside, of Dehra, who has been in this country on a visit for some months, has embarked on her return to India. The Rev. John S. Roberts and his wife, formerly of the Shanghai Mission, from which they returned a few years ago on account of health, have set out on their journey to China, having been reappointed as missionaries of the Board. Special funds were offered to defray the expenses of their journey.

**ADMITTED TO THE LORD'S TABLE.**—An educated Japanese was baptized by Mr. Carrothers in Yedo, who may become a very useful laborer among his countrymen; and ten persons were baptized by Mr. Loomis in Yokohama, the service being one of deep interest. Others were applicants for admission to baptism, but were deferred. It is expected that a church of about twenty members will be organized there in a short time. In Allahabad, Mr. Wynkoop baptized five hopeful converts, some of them persons likely to exert much influence. At Gwalior, Rev. J. Warren, D. D., mentions the reception of two hopeful converts. At Lodianna, Mr. Wherry speaks of two persons lately admitted to the church, and at Kolapore, Mr. Seiler baptized two persons who were received as communicants. At Benita, Miss Nassau speaks of her brother's arrival, Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., on the eve of their communion Sabbath, when two converts were received, and one that had been suspended was restored to church communion. At Gaboon, Mr. Bushnell mentions the admission of three women as communicants; other applicants were deferred. At Rio de Janeiro one, at Rio Claro one, and at Sao Paulo three, new communicants are reported, and at Valparaiso three, in the letters from Brazil and Chili.

**IN PERSIA,** the missionaries speak of marked interest in their teaching, and in the reading of the Scriptures on the part of Mohammedans, particularly at Tabreez; indeed, so marked as to awaken the hope of the best results. The policy of the government of that country, though not clearly announced, appears to be more liberal or tolerant now than in former years.

**CALLS FOR MORE LABORERS.**—The Furrukhabad Mission, India, have sent a strong plea to the Board for the occupation of new ground in the country lying west and south-west of the field occupied by that mission; and Mr. Barker of

the Kolapore Mission, after making an extensive journey to the south of his station at Ratnagiri, going as far as Goa, is deeply impressed with the need of more missionaries in the districts through which he travelled. These unoccupied provinces contain a large population.

**NATIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.**—Mr. Wilder writes from Kolapore, that the Presbytery had examined the senior elder of the church of Kolapore, and assigned him further studies and a trial sermon, hoping to license him at the next meeting. Two other young men passed good examinations “in personal, experimental piety, and their motives in seeking the ministry,” and were received under the care of Presbytery.

**AFRICA INLAND.**—The article concerning Nengenenge by Mr. Bushnell was crowded out of its place in the last number of the *Record*, but it is inserted this month. We learn through a brother of one of our missionaries, who had received a letter of later date than has reached the Mission House, that the Gaboon and Corisco Mission had approved of Dr. Nassau’s making soon an exploring journey inland by the river Ugovi. Intelligence from this movement will be looked for with much interest.

**RECEIPTS, MAY 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 1ST.**—From churches, \$48,081; from individual donors, \$3,427; from legacies, \$11,528—in all, \$63,036. Last year the receipts in these months were \$82,788. From the churches and individual donors, this year, \$51,508; last year, \$59,373.

**LETTERS RECEIVED TO SEPTEMBER 14TH.**—From the Seneca Mission, September 4th; Chippewa, August 11th; Dakota, August 23th; Creek, August 11th; Seminole, August 24th; Nez Perce, August 28th; San Francisco, August 28th; Yokohama, August 13th; Yedo, July 16th; Tungechow, July 28th; Hangechow, July 31st; Ningpo, August 1st; Canton, July 23d; Allahabad, July 28th; Mynpurie, August 4th; Gwalior, July 21st; Landour, July 12th; Lodiana, July 19th; Labor, August 31; Kolapore, July 1st; Ratnagiri, July 21st; Tehran, July 15th; Tabreez, July 18th; Beirut, August 9th; Tripoli, July 8th; Monrovia, August 6th; Benita, June 21st; Gaboon, July 6th; Rio de Janeiro, July 23th; Sao Paulo, July 20th; Rio Claro, July 13th; Bahia, July 27th; Valparaiso, August 1st; Zacatecas, August 12th.

#### DANGER ON EITHER HAND.

The Board is trying to keep out of debt. It is but the agent of the churches. Its duty is to make the best use of the funds sent to its treasury, and then its financial responsibility is at an end. In its aim to keep on safe ground, it cut down the estimates of the missions for the current year by the sum of nearly \$50,000, money which in the judgment of men on the ground could have been well expended in employing more missionaries, supporting in part or in whole native helpers, maintaining schools, forming new stations, and building dwelling houses and chapels in different places. If the Board could reasonably expect to receive an income sufficient to defray the expenses of the missions, then this painful work of reducing the estimates, and thereby in some cases reducing work already begun, might have been avoided. Its judgment of the probable income was founded on past experience, coupled with a reference to the depressed condition of the business of the country. It may have erred, but its action received the approval of the General Assembly, and it will probably be considered wise by most of our readers. Thus far, the income of the Board shows quite a falling off as compared with the receipts of the same months last year. We trust the tide may soon turn. We all dread the rock of debt, on the one hand.

On the other hand, it can rarely be wise in a Church Board to enter on new or enlarged work in the face of a declining income; and a policy of repression, or of standing still, is full of danger. It does not consist with the essential idea of growth. It cuts the sinews of enterprise. It prevents men from offering their services as missionaries. It discourages the laborers in the field, who see precious fruits of their work ungathered, and inviting doors unentered. Long continued, this policy would be disastrous to the cause, and not less so to the Church at home. The Saviour's blessing will not be given in full measure to a Church that neglects his last commandment.

We may indeed be told that our foreign work is too much extended—using up too many men and too much money. But a little recollection of first principles, and a little study of the facts now existing, will remove this impression. The “marching orders” have not yet been fully obeyed; the first word of the commandment is still Go, and “every creature” in “all nations” has a good claim to the preaching of the gospel. So the prompting of gracious affections extends to all benighted souls, in all lands, seeking to give them light; and this is embodied in the second law of love. Moreover, the inward call of the Holy Ghost is recognized, whereby some men are separated for the work abroad, and are sent away by their Christian brethren with prayer; we are believers in the divine sovereignty that appoints ministers to different fields of labor. We have also apostolic and primitive Christian example, showing that the home church is not to wait until all within its own borders are converted, before entering on efforts to send the gospel to nations abroad. And as to these unevangelized people—how deplorable their situation! They are lost and perishing; alas, how little we feel concerned for their condition!

As to the facts of the case, they are such as these: Of the 4,597 names of ministers on our roll in 1874, but 157 are connected with our Foreign Board, of whom 24 are “natives” in some of the missions; a few of our ministers are connected with other Foreign Boards, and a few are not reported in the Assembly's Minutes, but no doubt more than 4,400 of our ministers are in this country. In other evangelical denominations the proportion of foreign laborers to ministers at home is not more favorable to the work abroad. Of the gifts of our Christian people to this cause, we gratefully acknowledge the noble liberality shown in many instances; but many give without system, and many do not give anything. This shows the need of proper training, under the patient, steady efforts of our ministers and elders, and the kindly supervision of our church sessions. It ought not long to be true that an average gift of two cents a week from each of our communicants should exceed the amount devoted by our Church to the support of foreign missions. The great fact abroad still calls for consideration, that such vast multitudes of our fellow men have not even heard of salvation through Christ Jesus. Wonderful is the change wrought in the last forty years as to access to these millions of people. Hundreds of millions of men in Western and Eastern Africa; in Western, Central, and Eastern Asia, and Japan; in South America and Mexico, can now be reached by the messengers of the gospel, who could not have been reached a few years ago. These will stay on the earth no longer than ourselves; when we die, they will die; they cannot wait longer for the gospel than we live to carry it to them.

When we think of dangers on either hand, we think also of such principles and facts as these, and we see not how the Church can refuse to go forward. Yet the Board must act with great caution, and in view of the fact that its range of work is practically measured, so far as pecuniary means are concerned,

by the funds which our Christian friends place at its disposal. If its income continues to fall off, inevitable embarrassment must result to this work of the Church. But we will wait and hope. Is not our Lord going before his people in this sacred cause? Will not his grace enable them to keep step with his Providence in its support?

### MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE.

*Masulipatam, India, Oct. 18, 1847.*

“. . . I am in God's hands, and not one day's illness shall I have beyond what is good for me and for his glory. It would not be strange if he was to make some illness the instrument for carrying me home, where my dear wife and baby are, in his bosom, . . . but it is not improbable, and I continually pray for it, that he may permit me to remain a little longer to preach his gospel here. My utter unworthiness to be so employed makes this last seem less hopeful; yet even here there is hope, for he may purpose to perform his work with the most inefficient of all instruments. . . I trust I shall find profit from this dealing of God, and glorify him by patiently suffering his will; but I see not much of this yet.

“My thoughts have been led much to dwell on the insufficiency of lively piety in us missionaries; the same appears to be the general fault of the Church of God at large, in present and perhaps in all times. But for missionaries to be half-hearted, cold of prayer, sluggish of faith, it is grievous! What can Satan want more to check their inroads on his kingdom! I greatly desire in your own prayers for me and for missionaries, you would entreat God for more graces of the Spirit in our souls—more faith, more zeal, self-denial, deadness to the world and to the flesh, more love for souls, showing itself in continual and earnest cryings and prayers for them; and do you speak of this matter to others who pray for the extension of God's kingdom, and who wait for his redemption in Israel. People think missionaries such good folks as scarcely to need prayer, except perhaps that they may be consoled in sorrows. &c; we much more need to be prayed for, that we may not settle on our lees. . .”—*Rev. Henry W. Fox.*

### A PREACHING TOUR IN THE FUTTEHGURH DISTRICT.

*(Concluded from page 277.)*

I now recall one of the most intelligent men we met in our tour. He said that he had never heard of the Christian doctrines before, although he was quite an elderly man and able to read. For several days while we were camped near his village, he listened with the deepest interest to the reading of God's word. He often made requests that this or that doctrine should be unfolded to him—and as the passage was read, it seemed in every case to have the witness within him that this was none other than the word of God. I can never forget the light which beamed in his eye when the spiritual character of the law of God was read to him from the fifth chapter of Matthew. The Spirit within him seemed at once to bear witness with his spirit that this was the word of God.

Other cases were met where it seemed evident the Spirit had been at work, and when we opened up the truth, their hearts took hold at once on our meaning, and drank it in with an eagerness which showed beyond doubt their sincerity. For more than two weeks we held meetings every night in a large house centrally situated in the city of Quaimgunj. This building was furnished us gratuitously by a cloth merchant of the city, who with quite a number of friends, came every night to these meetings. We sang Christian hymns in Hindi, prayed, read the Scriptures and expounded, answered the questions propounded by the audience, and in a word, held from day to day what would be called in America a “protracted meeting.” We often had the house and court-yard where we held these services crowded, and often for several hours the attention of the people was held without any cessation of interest. Often, when we were on the



point of closing the meeting, some one would say, "Can't you sing another hymn?" "Don't go yet." The last night of our stay in Quaimgunj was a memorable one. Some of these men who had attended regularly our meetings, had come to our tents often for private conversation, and had bought and read our books, came this last night to have one more talk with us. When we urged on them the duty of immediate dedication of themselves to Christ's service, they were greatly moved, and now and again one would turn to the other in a half-despairing tone and say, "What shall we do?" "Shall we come out now?" Each seemed to be waiting for the other to take the first step and make confession. And so a long time was thus spent in earnest, prayerful conversation with them. At several junctures of the conversation their duty seemed so plain to them, that had one of them boldly stepped out and said, "As for me, I am for Christ, and will publicly profess Him as my Saviour, come what may," we think that the rest would have come also. One of the most intelligent of them said that if he could only get several members of his family to come out with him, he would at once make a profession. This leads us to draw the conclusion that when a few members of a family, village, or caste, come out in favor of Christianity, it will not be long before the whole family, village, &c., will come.

Another lesson we learned was the advantage and importance of having well trained and able Catechists. We attribute some of our success to the fact that we had with us a native assistant whose acquaintance with scripture is accurate and spiritual, and whose knowledge of both the Hindu and Mohammedan religion is extensive and at his command. He preached day after day with great power and freshness—making it his aim to convince rather than silence the objectors and gainsayers. Several times the Mohammedans brought on their most learned men to try to bring our religion into disgrace by urging the well known Mohammedan objections, but every time they were more than matched, and once were forced through sheer shame to retire in a body from our meeting.

We also learned from this itineration to appreciate more than ever before the value of Medical missions. The

tent of the lady Medical missionary, who was with us about two weeks, was visited by quite a number of women and children who were in need of medical attendance. There is a wide and open door for lady medical missionaries. In conclusion, we can only say that we were greatly encouraged by the results of our itineration. The gospel story never seemed so beautiful and attractive—its power never so great—the prospect of its wide diffusion and of its reception by this people never so promising. May God speed on the glorious day, and may we all at home and abroad look out with faith and hope at the great white field spread before us.

J. J. LUCAS.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT AT NENGENGE.

The Rev. A. Bushnell writes from Gaboon, West Africa, May 21st, giving some account of his visit to this station, seventy miles inland.

Having just returned from a three days trip to Nengenenge, our interstation, I hasten to improve an opportunity to send you a note *via* Fernando Po, not knowing when we may be able to send per mail steamer. It is now more than two months since the last arrival. Although I was three nights on the river, I have endured the trip very well, and have returned much encouraged respecting our interior work. Nengenenge has become a great commercial centre. The Commandant has forbidden any vessel or boat to ascend beyond the island, as he can afford them protection no farther; and consequently they all anchor there, within hearing of the mission bell; and the Pangwes from all the rivers and creeks beyond, bring their produce down in boats and canals. The population on the island is increasing; and within ten miles around is a larger population than can be found anywhere in this part of Africa. There remain a few of the Bakele and Shekani tribes, but the great mass of the people belong to the cannibal Pangwe tribe, the largest, most vigorous and enterprising within our reach. At present, peace prevails among them, and they are gradually abandoning cannibalism, but I fear are adopting the habit of drinking rum, slavery, &c. from the coast tribes, of which, in their primitive state, they were ignorant.

I found our native assistants, Messrs.

Truman and Amora and their wives well, and I think faithfully engaged in their work. The former, who is a licentiate of our Presbytery, speaks the Bakele and Pangwe languages well, and preaches at the station and in the adjacent towns. The other, Mr. Amora, renders assistance in various ways, and his wife, who is a graduate of our Training Institution, has an interesting boarding-school of fifteen boys and girls. The children were well clothed, and recited the whole of the Catechism, and read and sang without making a single mistake. I want to see the number of pupils increased to one hundred or more. Such has been the attendance on Mr. Truman's Sabbath services, which have been held in the mission house hitherto, that I was encouraged to propose the erection of a church, on condition that the materials should be furnished by the people and traders. This was accepted promptly, and before I left, the building materials were all promised, and the prospect was that enough money would be raised to pay the workmen. This is the kind of church extension that we like, and hope will continue until all unexplored Ethiopia shall become radiant with gospel light, and vocal with Emmanuel's praise.

The reported illness of Mr. Schorsch, at Benita, to whom I might be summoned at any time, prevented my going to the Ogovi, on the steamer "Pioneer," which was a great disappointment; but the report of the Marquis de Compagnie and his associate, Mr. Marsh, who have recently returned from an exploring tour up that river, is encouraging. Their report more than confirms that of Mr. Walker, the English tourist, respecting the great length of the river, which they ascended considerably farther than he did, and discovered three large tributary streams. They return to France for a season, but expect to come back next year to prosecute their explorations. But we can do nothing in that direction till reinforced. We still hold on here, "alone, yet not alone," "faint, yet pursuing," and look to the "regions beyond," praying that the Lord of the harvest will raise up and send forth laborers into all this vast field.

#### OUR WORK IN ITALY.

The Board takes some share of the work of reaching the gospel in Italy. This is done, not by sending mission-

aries there from this country, who, as foreigners, would be imperfectly qualified in some respects, and expensive to support, but by sending pecuniary aid to our brethren of the Waldensian Synod. They are on the ground, at home as natives of the country, able to adapt themselves to their countrymen, and to conduct their efforts to the best advantage. They are evangelical in doctrine and practice, Presbyterian in order, worthy of our confidence, sympathy, and cooperation. It is much to be regretted that our Board has not been enabled to send them larger funds for their missionary work.

Two of their ministers have visited this country—the late R. V. Dr. Revel twice, and recently the Rev. M. Prochet, both making most favorable impressions on our General Assembly and on our Christian people, so far as opportunity of acquaintance was enjoyed. We insert here the greater part of a letter of Mr. Prochet, lately received, which has already appeared in some of our religious papers, and which we commend to our readers. Undoubtedly this is the right channel for the gifts of our churches for the spread of the gospel in Italy. Any donations for this purpose sent to the Treasurer of the Board will be forwarded without expense or delay.

Mr. Prochet writes as follows:

(1.) The evangelization of Italy, in my judgment, ought to stand foremost amongst the evangelization of Roman Catholic countries, because it is the seat, the centre, the head, and the heart of the whole system, and success here will tell upon the whole Roman Catholic world.

(2.) What has been achieved hitherto. The opening and prospects of the work at present are such as to show as clearly as possible that the time has come to redouble our energies, God himself fighting for His people and His truth in this land, where they had been trampled upon for centuries.

(3.) I offer you as instrument a native Church that has been miraculously preserved by God for two objects—1st, to always have a witness for truth; 2d, to have a band of laborers thoroughly

prepared when the time would come. I cannot see any other reason for the marvellous display of God's providence in the preserving of the Waldensian Church through thirty-three fiery persecutions.

(4.) This Church is in the work. She has made her experiences. Her pastors in the mission field, more numerous already than the pastors in the valley, have all had a thorough evangelical and theological training.

(5.) No other denomination in Italy can say so much. The theological college is at a city, Florence, in the midst of Italy, where the purest Italian is spoken, so that all our evangelists come out of it thoroughly prepared for the form and for the substance of their future preaching.

(6.) Experience has shown that the Presbyterian form of church government is the best adapted. And I prove it thus: We have almost as many communicants in the mission field as all the other denominations put together. The *voluntary* contributions are more than the contributions of all the others. We have forty congregations and missionary stations in the mission field, and at least ten new places actually petitioning for evangelists from us. The Presbyterian system I say is the best, because it combines more completely than any other system of church government, the two vital elements of a Church, viz: liberty and order. I expect with the greatest confidence a fuller confirmation of this very saying from the coming events.

(7.) I am not trying to win your sympathies and obtain your coöperation in order to make an essay: the attempt has been made and has proved successful. New doors are opened every day. I ask then help, in order to be enabled to preach the gospel to souls desirous to hear it, and actually asking for evangelists.

(8.) You know that the Waldensian Church is one with all the evangelical churches, and the constant support and sympathy of the Presbyterians from Scotland, Ireland, and England, who, by more frequent intercourse, know her thoroughly, is a guarantee that your money would be spent to preach the gospel, and nothing else.

(9.) And lastly: When in the seventeenth century the soldiers of the Pope had burnt to the ground almost every house in the Italian Valley inhabited by the Waldenses, when they had slaughtered and imprisoned more than twenty thousand people, the Learts of the Protestants of Germany and Great Britain specially were moved, and collections were taken up through the whole land to help the unfortunate survivors. (Charles II., alas! took the largest part of that money.)

Now the times are changed; the Lord be praised for it. We do not ask help to build our houses, or to sustain our own congregations in the Valley; but we say to our brethren, The Lord is giving the land into our hands, will you not come up and help us? The three tribes who had chosen the other side of the Jordan yet crossed the river and fought with their brethren, though their territories were free already. God has blessed you with abundance of means; you were thriving long before the heel of oppression was taken from the neck of the poor Waldensian Church. Will you not help us fight our battles? Are they not all battles of the Lord, for the overthrowing of ignorance, superstition, infidelity, sin under all its forms, and the establishing of the kingdom of truth? If your Church were a poor one, I should never even think of applying to you. But I am fully convinced that were you to grant us \$5000 or \$6000 per annum, that would not take a potato off the table of a single member of your great Church.

#### DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN AUGUST 1874.

✠ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY—*Albany*—Second ch Saratoga Springs 13 27  
BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Ellicott City ch 70. *New Castle*—Rehoboth ch 8 55; Port Penn Sab-sch, three classes 12 74; Lower Brandywine ch, Carrie and Essie, Bibles for hearthen 3 94 29  
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Bainbridge ch 10; *Masonville* ch Sab-sch 2; *Nineveh* ch 79 50. *Otego*—Springfield ch Sab-sch 5 10; *Cooperstown* ch 132 78; *Franklin* ch 5; *Cherry Valley* ch 36. *St Lawrence*—*Morristown* ch 3 85, Sab-sch 2 41—6 27; *Hammond* Sab-sch 24. *Syracuse*—*Skaneateles* ch 100. *Utica*—*Whites-*

town ch 40; *Verona* ch 20 72; *Vernon Centre* ch 5 55; *Rome* ch 60 87 52 79

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—French ch 5. *Cincinnati*—7th ch Cincinnati, (add'l) 10; 1st Ger ch Sab-sch, Cincinnati, for Syria 15. *Portsmouth*—1st ch Portsmouth 615; *Ripley* ch 61 81 706 81

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—2d ch Cleveland 300; *Chester* ch 12; 1st ch Guilford 5; *Rome* ch 3 70. *Mahoning*—1st ch Youngstown 81 76; 2d ch Youngstown 4 50. *St Clairsville*—1st ch Bellaire 50 45. *Steubenville*—Still Fork Sab-sch 5; *Richmond* ch 14 476 41

COLUMBUS.—Athens—Amesville ch 20 25. Wooster—Shreve ch 16 30; Congress Sab-sch 3 85

40 40

ERIE.—Allegheny—Bull Creek ch 10 99. Butler—Centre ch 10 39. Clarion—Perry ch 7 50. Erie—Harbor Creek ch Sab-sch 2 25. Kittanning—1st ch Apollo 136; Appleby Manor ch 3; Bowling Spring ch 16 186 13

GEN. VA.—Cuyuga—1st ch Geneva 36; Anrora ch 16 78. Chemung—Burdett ch 21, Sab-sch 5=26; 1st ch Elmira 22 20; Mecklenburg ch 12. Lyons—Junius ch 24 45, Sab-sch 5 55=30; 1st ch Lyons 5; 1st ch Sab-sch Wolcott 23 59. Seabert—Addison ch 6; Hornellsville ch, M. Hortburn 4 44 182 01

HARRISBURG.—Carlisle—McConnellsburg ch 10, Female Prayer Meeting 14=21; Lower Path Valley ch, a member 3, Bertie M Allen's Miss Box 1=31; Waynesboro ch 16 91. Huntingdon—Lewistown ch 72 52; 1st ch Altoona 53 70; Duncansville ch 10; Shavers Creek ch 6; redford ch, Legacy of Mrs E W Bard 7 27. Northumberland—2d ch Williamsport 17 31 238 77

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Bloomington—Reading Sab-sch 1 25; Jersey ch 10. Peoria—Knoxville Sab-sch, for Persia 4 81. Schuyler—Mt Sterling ch Sab-sch 56 96; Chili ch 4. Springfield—Unity ch 50 127 01

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Freeport—1st ch Freeport 57 36; 3d Gen ch Freeport, Bible-class for India, 18. Rock River—Pleasant Ridge ch Sab-sch 11; Perryton ch 3 92 36

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—Alton—Brighton ch 4 45. Cairo—Shawneetown ch 8 55; Grand Tower ch 2 96 15 96

INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Hopewell ch 1 73. Fort Wayne—Hopewell ch 2 75. Logansport—1st ch Valparaiso 14 48. Muncie—Wabash ch 15 91 34 87

INDIANA, SOUTH.—New Albany—Jefferson Sab-sch 1 00  
IOWA, NORTH.—Cedar Rapids—Richland Centre ch 4 10

IOWA, SOUTH.—Council Bluffs—1st ch Sab-sch, Corning 1 00; College Springs ch 3. Des Moines—1st ch Sab-sch, Oskaiooa 3 44. Iowa—1st Westminster ch, Keokuk 35 28; 1st ch Mt Pleasant 23 63; Kossuth ch 8 31; Winfield Sab-sch 2 75. Iowa City—1st ch Oxford 1 78 91

KANSAS.—Neosho—Chetopa 1st Sab-sch, for China 4 13; Independence ch 6 10 13

KENTUCKY.—Louisville—Walnut St ch, Louisville 5 50; Hopkinsville Sab-sch, Faithful Society 6 11 50

LONG ISLAND.—Brooklyn—South 3d St ch, Williamsburg 35. Long Island—Greenport ch 57. Nassau—1st ch Sab-sch Huntington, to sup. child at Beirut 70; Newtown Sab-sch 50 212 00

MICHIGAN.—Detroit—1st ch Unadilla 6; Plainfield ch 5 60. Lansing—1st ch Sab-sch, Lansing, for sch in Japan 10; Stockbridge ch 3 50. Saginaw—Bay City ch 12 62 37 72

MINNESOTA.—St. Paul—Duluth ch 4; 1st ch Minneapolis, mon con 5 25; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 6 86; Franklin Ave ch Sab-sch, Minneapolis 7, Infant Class 3=10. Winona—Preston ch 6 60 32 71

MISSOURI.—Palmyra—Bird's Eye Ridge ch 3 37; Sullivan ch 3 67. St. Louis—Bethel German ch 26, a member 20=46; Bethlehem ch, Geo Hollman 4 57 04

NEW JERSEY.—Corisco—Gaboon Mission ch 200. Elizabeth—Pluckamin ch 6 49; Summit West ch 13 11; Westfield ch 20 35. Jersey City—1st ch Rutherford Park 17 68; Englewood ch 1006 30; Ten: fly ch 17 93. Monmouth—Manalapan ch 25, Sab-sch, for Siam 7=32; Oceanic ch 22 30; Burlington ch 14 35. Morris and Orange—South St ch Morristown 735 25; 1st ch Mendham 70 32; 2d ch Mendham 21 50; 2d ch Orange, Geo W Snow 250; 1st ch Morristown 54 72. Newark—Park ch 11 58; Wickliffe ch 19 55; 1st ch Bloomfield 25. New Brunswick—Stockton ch 6. Newton—North ch Hardiston 83 70 2,628 14

NEW YORK.—Boston—First ch Newburyport 35. Hudson—Unionville ch 30; Stony Point ch, for

Indian Mission 13 26; 1st ch Middletown 28 16; 2d ch Middletown 22 56; Goodwill ch 22 20; Cochecon ch 93 c s; Palmsades ch 4 85; Hamptonburg ch 14 06; 2d ch Washingtonville 15. New York—First ch New York 303, Madison Square ch, add'l 100; Spruz St ch, mo con 34; 4th Avenue ch 15; Brick ch Chapel 5 62. North River—Marborough ch 42 87; Highland ch 20; Poughkeepsie ch 27 20; Calvary ch, Newburg 18 74; New Hanburg ch, Ladies' Society .00. Westchester—Irvington ch 466 34; North Salem ch 11, Sab-sch 14 0=25 30; West Farms ch, Sab-sch teacher, to sup girl under Rev F A Wood 28 1,538 48

PACIFIC.—Los Angeles—San Buenaventura ch 5. Oregon—1st ch Portland 76 70, Sab-sch 13 97 =93 67. San Francisco—1st ch San Francisco, mo con 53; Chinese ch, San Francisco, mo con 49 80 198 47

PHILADELPHIA.—Chester—Bryn Mahr ch 43 03; Media ch 12 21. Lackawanna—Mourise Sab-sch Mrs Miller's class, for girl in Beirut 13; Tunkhannock ch Sab-sch 65 10; Rome ch 4; Liberty ch 4 91; Larksville Sab-sch 2 50. Lehigh—1st ch Casasagua, from a member 10. Philadelphia—Walnut St ch 526 93; South-western ch Sab-sch, Jos Hemphill's class, for Syria 10. Philadelphia North—Neshaminy ch of Warwick 60 55; Sab-sch 8 80=69 35; Doylestown and Deep Run chs 36. Westminster—Chancelor ch 61 90, Pine Grove Sab-sch 4 10=66 263 03

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—New Alexandria ch 20 63. Pittsburgh—2d ch Pittsburg 41 86; Shady Side ch 13 97; East Liberty ch 81 61. Washington—4th ch Wheeling 87 cts, Sab-sch 1 57=2 44; 1st ch Washington 118 32; Lower Ten Mile ch Sab-sch 5. West Virginia—Weston ch 6 65; Centreville ch 4 257 48

TENNESSEE.—Holston—Old Salem Sab-sch, for Persia 90 cts 99

TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—Bucyrus ch 7 53; 1st ch Bellefontaine 15 82. Huron—Republic ch 2 95. Lima—Delphos ch 4 96 31 26

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Westfield ch 15 06; Westminster ch Buffalo 58 54. Rochester—Central ch Rochester 70 30 141 90

WISCONSIN.—Milwaukee—Somers ch 6 12; Lima ch 9; D-lafayette ch 2 62; Ottawa ch 2 59. Wisconsin River—Lodi ch 1 60; Platteville ch, Ladies' Society 22 75; 1st ch Madison 81 94 125 62

W F M Society, Philadelphia 2,220 36

Total receipts from churches in August, 1874, \$1,218 73

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Joseph E Lester, dec'd, New Rochelle, N Y 1,500; Bequest of E Robins, dec'd, Jefferson co, Pa 92 20 1,592 50

MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend 5; R C 5; V Thomas, Angelica, N Y 5; W L Danient, Highland, Kansas, 10; Bessie Finney's Miss' Box, 2 39; Rev. C A Williams, Geneva, Wis, 50; Rev L D Calkins, West Springfield, Mass, for Brazil 5; W Hays, Illinois, 11, 10; A Friend 7 72; Effie and Maime's Strawberry money 1; Portuguese Christian Sab-sch, Jack-sonville, Ill 45; Mrs Ann Robb, Lima, Ohio, for Woman's Work in India, 5; From a Friend of the cause of Missions, for schools in Syria, 2 23; Jacob Lyenberger, Montour, Iowa, 10; A Friend, Knoxville, 11, 10; Mrs Susannah Blauvelt, Spring Valley, N Y, for Bibles and Testaments for Africa, 4; Anon 10; Jews 10; J D Worrallo 2; A Friend 20; Mrs W Minster, for Syria 10; Two Friends, Mt Pleasant, Iowa, for Brazil Mission, 10 25; Rev W H Williams, Hensonville, N C, 10; B Sterling Esq, for Syria sch 10; Plymouth Mich, 30; Rev J M Roberts 1; Sam'l Clement, for Syria, 1; Rev L B Rozers, Millersville, N Y, Thank-Offering 15; Rev Peter Hassinger, 2 90; Mrs E Haldeman, Harrisburg, 50; Children of Mrs M E Penn, Pittston, Pa, for Bibles in Syria, 2; "Nannie," Infant Class, 1 25; J P Jones, Portland, W Va, Freewill Offering, 95 82; Mr E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5, 463 58

Total Receipts in August, 1874, \$13,274 81

" " from May 1st, 1874, 63,036 81

WM. RANKIN, Treasurer,

23 Centre Street, New York.

## BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

No. 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Letters relating to donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., *Corresponding Secretary*.

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Letters relating to Sabbath-school work, to Mr. J. BENNET TYLER, Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work.

Correspondence of Colporteurs, remittances of money, and donations, to Mr. S. D. POWEL, Superintendent of Colportage and Treasurer.

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### WILL OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS HELP?

Do our Sabbath-schools know how much the Board of Publication is doing to help in organizing and aiding Sabbath-schools?

Do they know that during the last year the missionaries of this Board visited 1,748 Sabbath-schools, and that they organized 76 new schools in destitute localities?

Do they know that during the last year this Board made grants to 320 needy and mission Sabbath-schools, thereby greatly encouraging and strengthening them, and vitalizing some that were ready to die?

Do they know that earnest requests are now coming constantly to the Board from needy Sabbath-schools in all parts of the land, and that the Board is supplying their wants with as liberal a hand as the very small amount of money now in its Missionary Fund will allow?

Will our older and abler schools help the Board to carry forward this good work?

Can they find any more appropriate use for their contributions than, through this Board, to help and bless the multitudes of children who have not the privileges and advantages which they themselves enjoy?

Will not the Superintendents and teachers of our Sabbath-schools lay this matter before their scholars, and secure their help for the Board?

Just now it is a time of great need. *Will our Sabbath-schools help?*

### A SAILORS' SABBATH-SCHOOL.

A liberal donation of books and tracts was some time since placed in the hands of a missionary who is laboring among sailors and boatmen in a large port on one of our great lakes. Some of these publications have been used in a Sabbath-school made up of seamen, their wives and children. In regard to these the good missionary writes:

"Your little books have given an impulse to our school which could not have been attained in any other way. I distribute them among the scholars every Lord's day, and so great is the desire to get these beautiful little volumes, that many children flock to the school, and all who come continue to

come regularly. Most of these have had no instruction in any other school. Already some of them seem to have given their hearts to the Lord. We now number about seventy children in our school, besides classes of adults."

#### A SAILOR'S WIFE CONVERTED BY A TRACT.

The same missionary above alluded to gives the following interesting incident:

"I place tracts on all vessels and boats coming into and leaving this harbor. As I was supplying a canal boat the other day with tracts, the captain's wife asked me if I remembered giving her a tract a few weeks ago. I asked her the name of the tract. She replied, '*Christ is All.*' It is tract No. 3 of the Sailors' Series, No. 1, and was written by the Rev. Charles Jones. I told her I well remembered giving that tract to some one. 'I was the one,' she exclaimed, 'and it was blessed to my salvation. Oh to think,' she added, 'of my Saviour "pressing a sailor's pillow," and all for me! It was more than I could bear.' 'Do you remember the whole stanza which contains that expression?' I inquired. 'Remember it—Oh! how can I forget it, or my Saviour either?' It is this:

"Tossed upon life's raging billow,  
Sweet it is, O Lord, to know  
Thou didst press a sailor's pillow,  
And dost feel a sailor's woe.'

"Th is the Lord drew this disciple to himself."

Let the people of God pray that divine influences may ever and abundantly accompany the books and tracts of our Board as they are scattered about over the land and among them that traverse the waters also.

#### BACKSLIDERS RECLAIMED.

A missionary of the Board of Publication writes:

"I directed my steps to the farm-house of an aged couple whom I had visited over a year ago. I met the farmer on the road. He well remembered my former visit and the tracts I had left, and grasped my hand with joy in his face. He said my former visits had restored both him and his wife to the Church, from which they had wandered many years, in both open and secret sin. On account of their sinful life, they had not sought to use the letter of dismissal they had brought from their former residence. Recently they had joined the church nearest to them here on a profession of their faith in Christ. I went into the house, and found that the wife also remembered me with great pleasure. Her humility and sorrow on account of her past wanderings from Christ were very great. It was touching to hear of the great agony of soul she had experienced when thoughts of her past guilt came like storm-clouds, hiding the face of her Saviour and all hope, until at last His blessed word of promise came to her again and dispelled the gloom. This aged couple lived at a great distance from any church or pastor, and hence had not been cared for during the years past."

There are many such church members, especially in the more newly-settled States—wanderers from the fold of the Good Shepherd—living remote from any minister or place of worship, and in danger of perishing because no man careth for their souls. It is one important duty of the missionary of the Board of Publication to hunt out and gather in such wandering sheep.

## A DRUNKARD SAVED.

A missionary of the Board, laboring in New Jersey, tells of the following delightful fact :

“ In my visits among the people with whom I prayed and among whom I circulated our tracts, about a year ago, I found one family rejoicing in the blessing of those visits on account of the complete reformation and conversion of the head of the house. This man had been addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors for many years, often coming home drunk and continuing in that state for several weeks at a time. He confesses that the influence of my former visit never left him. Although he struggled long to drive it off by drink, he failed, and finally made an unconditional surrender to Christ and found peace. To-day he is an active member in the Presbyterian Church, is faithful in his attendance on the Sabbath and weekly services of the church, and is a living epistle known and read of all men, testifying of the goodness of God and of his power to raise the fallen. His wife and children are filled with joy, and his home is made pleasant and cheerful.”

Surely one such result of this work is worth much money and toil and prayer.

## WHAT IS THE GOOD?

The question is sometimes asked, “ What benefits come from the missionary work of the Board of Publication ? ” Hear what one of our missionaries, now laboring in Wisconsin, says :

“ I have many difficulties and discouragements, but am not without encouragements also. I am fully satisfied that to-day there is more than double the quantity of Presbyterian literature on my field that there was three years ago. We have many more Sabbath-schools under the care of our own church, and hundreds more of families who read our books. We have, too, more prayer meetings kept up, and that in places where there never were any before. I have also clear evidence that there is less prejudice against Presbyterianism and its doctrines.”

Is not that a satisfactory answer to the question ? Scores of the Board's missionaries—especially in the Western States—could give similar testimony.

## THE NEW HYMNAL.

There is every reason for congratulation upon the warm reception accorded to the new Presbyterian Hymnal. It meets with a favor not altogether unexpected by those who knew the labor bestowed upon its preparation and the qualifications of the compiler and of the Committee under whom he worked. As an unbiassed judgment, we give the comments of the *Congregationalist*, the able Boston organ of the Congregational churches.

Our Presbyterian brethren are now provided with a hymn and tune book made to their own order, and will henceforth have no excuse for neglecting congregational singing. The book has been compiled by Rev. Dr. Duryea of Brooklyn, under the direction of a committee of the General Assembly, and is called *The Presbyterian Hymnal*. If its name may be expected to operate against its introduction to other denominations, it may be counted on to promote its circulation among the Presbyterians themselves. What else can these strict constructionists of ecclesiastical order allow themselves to sing out of, under the circumstances ? Nobody who knows Dr. Duryea, and his rare musical taste and accomplishments, will question his fitness for the labor he has here performed, and the book which is the result we unhesitatingly pronounce an excellent one. There are getting to

be so many manuals for congregational singing, of so nearly the same general character, that their comparison becomes a matter of no inconsiderable difficulty, but this is altogether worthy of the class to which it belongs. Its 972 hymns, 16 doxologies, upwards of 30 chants, and about 400 tunes, afford a rich and varied collection. At least one-fourth of the tunes are repeated once, twice or thrice, making the apparent number of such very much larger, and really greatly adding to the convenience and pleasure of use. The standard hymns and tunes are here, with few if any exceptions; with many that will be especially prized because of their not infrequent omission from such collections. The chief infelicity of arrangement we have noticed—a mistake, we presume—is the placing of that beautiful hymn and tune, "He Leadeth Me," as the very last of the chants. It is as much a chant as Portuguese Hymn, or Hebron—no more. In its mechanical features the book surpasses some of its rivals, the type being unusually large and distinct. And altogether it is one upon the acquisition of which the Presbyterian Church is to be heartily congratulated.

DONATIONS TO THE MISSIONARY FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION,  
AUGUST 1874.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Gloversville 4<sup>o</sup> 25; Jefferson 2; Saratoga Springs 2d 1 67. *Champlain*—Fort Covington 12 50 56 42

ATLANTIC.—*Yadkin*—Bainessville 50 cts; Gold Hill 5; Mebanesville 1; Salisbury 2 50; Staesville 60 cts 9 60

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Otsego*—Franklin 63 cts; Shavertown 1 50. *Utica*—New York Mills 104; Vernon Centre 70 cts 106 83

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Hillsboro 32 12. *Cincinnati*—Bethel 6; Glendale 28 50; Loveland 6 95; Sharonville 7 40; Sterling 14. *Dayton*—Middletown 13 50; New Jersey 4. *Portsmouth*—Winchester 3 115 47

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Chestor 5; Rome 46 cts. *Steubenville*—Bethel 4 26; Harlem 16 10; Madison 2 79 28 61

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Denver 1st (15th Street) 23 85

COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Black Creek 2 50; Ontario 4 25 6 75

ERIE.—*Buller*—Centre 1 31. *Kittanning*—Currie's Run 7 23; Elderton 7 81; Indiana 12 50; Salisbury 12 99; Shrader's Grove 3 78; Slate Lick 9. *Shenango*—Mahoning 13 67 67

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Victory 5. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st 2 80; Havana 6 20. *Geneva*—Canoga 8; Penn Yan 37 24 59 24

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Lower Path Valley and Burt Cabins 13 35; Waynestoro 2 14. *Huntingdon*—Bedford, bequest of Mrs E W Burd 91 cts; Lewistown 9 14; Lower Tuscarora 30 50 56 04

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Peoria*—Eureka 5 80; Vermont 2. *Springfield*—Chatham 8; Springfield 1st 43 65 59 45

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Kankakee 12 31. *Rock River*—Edwards 1 25; Viola 1 25 14 81

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Grand Tower 38 cts; Oak Grove 4; Shawneetown 1 07. *Mattoon*—Tuscola 1st 2 92 8 37

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Wea 3 25. *Fort Wayne*—Millersburgh 2. *Logansport*—Crown Point 2. *Muncie*—Wabash 2 11 9 26

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 1st 67 80. *Waterloo*—Northwood 15 20 83 00

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—College Springs 1. *Des Moines*—Centreville 4; Osceola 20. *Iowa*—Bonaparte 1 50; Keokuk, Westminster 4 45; Kossuth 1st 1 05; Mt Pleasant 1st 2 95; Sharon 1 85 36 80

KANSAS.—*Neosho*—Pleasanton 10 00

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville, Walnut St 69 cts; Pewee Valley 18 18 69

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn, Throop Ave 21 79; Greenpoint 10 31 79

MICHIGAN.—*Lansing*—Marshall 12 72. *Monroe*—Monroe 18. *Saginaw*—Bay City 2 39 33 11

MINNESOTA.—*St Paul*—Duluth 20. *Winona*—Preston 1 20 21 20

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Tipton 4 25. *Palmira*—Bird's Eye Ridge 42 cts; Sullivan 1st 46 cts *St Louis*—Bethel 15 10 20 13

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth 1st 70 80; Pluckamin 81 cts; Summit West 1 65; Westfield 2 56. *Jersey City*—Englewood 77; Tenafly 2 26. *Monmouth*—Port Washington 1 25. *Morris and Orange*—Mendham 1st 6 90; Orange 2d 79 50; Succasunna 18. *Newark*—Newark, Park 1 46. *New Brunswick*—New Brunswick 1st 37 67; Stockton 1 50. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown 25; Greenwich 42 76 369 12

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Londonderry 8 55. *Hudson*—Cochecton 11 cts; Goodwill 2 80; Hamptonburgh 1 77; Middletown 1st 2 91; Middletown 2d 2 84; Palisades 1; Ramapo 8. *New York*—New York Brick, from H K Corning, Esq 10; New York, University Place (of which Emmanuel Chapel 3 69) 181 04. *North River*—Little Britain 4 45; Marlborough 15 17. *Westchester*—Stamford ch Sab-seh 26 11 264 75

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Doe Run 4; Fagg's Manor 14 55; Media 1 54. *Lackawanna*—Archbald and Oliphant ch Sab-seh 6; Carbondale 40; Dunmore 4; Honesdale 22; Liberty 62 cts; Mehoopans Creek 1; Meshoppen 2 50; Rome 1. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 9th 28 43; Philadelphia, W Spruce St 245 17. *Westminster*—Strasburgh (add'l) 2 42 373 23

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—New Alexandria 2 54. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 21 39; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 1 77. *Washington*—East Buffalo 17 60; Fairview 28 25; Wheeling 4th 11 cts. *West Virginia*—French Creek 10 81 66

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1 99; Bucyrus 95 cts; Upper Sandusky 3 25. *Huron*—Republic 37 cts; Tiffin 5. *Lima*—Delphos 37 cts 11 93

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo, Westminster 7 34; Westfield 1 91. *Genesee*—North Berzen 5 50. *Niagara*—Albion 19 25. *Rochester*—Rochester Central 8 86 42 86

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Black River Falls 2. *Milwaukee*—Delafield 31 cts; Otawa 33 cts. *Wisconsin River*—Kilbourn City 5 7 66

From churches \$2,028 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

J K 5; Rev T Williston 1; Rev D S Baker 20; Rev J F Finney Texas 2 60; J O Worrallo, Charndon, Ohio 2; Myron Hurlbut, Hornellsville, N Y 56 cts; D B Salisbury, North Madison, Ind 27 30; Rev S Torrey 42 100 46

Total receipts in August, \$2,128 76

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.



## BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

*Corresponding Secretary,* REV. H. R. WILSON, D.D., 23 Centre Street, New York.  
*Treasurer,* NATHAN LANE, Esq., 69 Wall Street.

### HARD TIMES WITH CHURCH BUILDERS.

God's house, of old, was built in troublous times,—not only when, by reason of drought, their crops were cut off, but when the enemies of God's people were in vast numbers arrayed against them. Still the command of Israel's Leader was "*Consider your ways,*" "*Build the house.*" The distress felt at present, in some sections of our country, in consequence of the failure of crops, is very great, and it so happens that in these very sections where this distress is most painfully felt, there are a number of our weakest churches in the midst of building. Had not these buildings been commenced before the grasshopper raid or the drought set in, it would have been unwise to commence to build; but having made their contracts, and in many instances the buildings completed, or nearly so, these churches are in great distress, and obliged to fall back upon the Board for additional help, to prevent the loss of all that has been done, by the sacrifice of their property. To these calls, earnest and pressing as they are, the Board cannot respond. What shall be done? Will not those churches upon whom these calamities have not fallen, come forward to the rescue, and thus save the good name and credit of the Presbyterian Church, and the sacrifice of valuable church property, and thus rejoice the hearts of many that are now sad. If so, let this money be sent at once *to the Board*, to whom all the facts in the case are known. The above mentioned causes, with others, have greatly reduced our receipts of late, while they have at the same time increased the demands upon the Board for aid. This is overlooked by many. The treasury of the Board is considered by many as an immense reservoir, from which to draw freely when all other resources have failed; whereas it is only a conduit, from which nothing flows but what is put in. When the supplies fail, the stream must cease to flow. Oh! that God would help our people—all our people—to read understandingly the lessons of instruction He is teaching us, both from His providence and His word. "Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little, and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why, saith the Lord of hosts? Because of *my house* that lieth waste, and ye run every man to his own house. Therefore, the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit."

A letter just received from the pastor of one of those afflicted churches says:

"I am ashamed to send the enclosed contribution of two dollars and twenty-five cents, but it is the best we can do. The people have nothing to give. The chinch-bug cleaned out the small grain—the drought and grasshoppers destroyed the corn and almost everything green; the people have nothing out of which to make money. Starvation stares us in the face for the coming winter. All the stock hogs are being sold to speculators, because there is nothing to feed them with. With a large class of the people, the question is 'How are we to live?' I am really in trouble, without money and in debt. I cannot see daylight for myself and family. Surely such facts should not only move the hearts, but excite the liberality of those to whom God has given prosperity. May God send us help *out* of the sanctuary and *for* the sanctuary, and that '*right early!*'"

## DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION, AUGUST 1874.

62 Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in italics—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Saratoga Springs 2d 3 32. *Champlain*—Au Sable Forks 10. Troy—North Granville 22.

ATLANTIC.—*Yadkin*—Mebanesville 50 cents.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Annapolis 9; Cumberland 17 71; Taneytown 11 9. *New Castle*—Christiana 3; Elkton 22 35; Lower Brandywine 10. *Washington City*—Clifton 12 36.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Otsego*—Delhi 1st 22 23; Franklin 1 25; Otsego 4 15; Shavertown 1 60. *St. Lawrence*—Oswegatchie 2d 10 70. *Syracuse*—Fulton 1st 45 80; Marcellus 1st 30; Oneida Lake 28 08. *Utica*—Camden 1st 12; Vernon Centre 1 39.

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Mt. Pleasant 3 25; South Salem 7 78. *Dayton*—Clifton 20 10; Dayton, 3d St 9; Monroe 3 40; Springfield 1st 79 36. *Portsmouth*—Jackson 12 95; Manchester 9 82; Mt. Leigh 4 55; Winchester 1st 4.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland Second 100; Northfield 6; Rome 91 cts. *St. Clairsville*—Crab Apple 10 15; Mt. Pleasant 18 97. *Steubenville*—Bethel 12 46; Harlem 5; Madison 2 79; Oak Ridge 6; Still Fork 2 85; Two Ridges 13 82.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Denver 1st, 15th St 13 65; Fairplay 5.

COLUMBUS.—*Zanesville*—Martinsburgh 7 08; Zanesville, Putnam 65.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny, Providence 5 83; Leetsdale 43 38; Sharpshooper 34 38; Tarentum 16 50. *Butler*—Centre 2 61; Portersville 6; Scrub Grass 15. *Carion*—Greenville 7; Oak Grove 3 32. *Erie*—Mill Village 3 81; Venango 5 55. *Kittanning*—Boiling Spring 5; Elder's Ridge 13 56; Elderton 16; Parker City 16; West Lebanon 5 25. *Shenango*—Unity 26.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Aurora 24 80; Sennett 7 50. *Chenung*—Elmira 1st 5 56. *Geneva*—Canoga 10. *Lyons*—Savannah 4. *Steuben*—Hornellsville, a member 1 11; Jasper 1st 10 75.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Carlisle Second 55 93; Chambersburg, Falling Spring 100; Lower Path Valley 10 10; Burnt Cabins 5; Waynesboro 4 22. *Huntingdon*—Bethel 8; Birmingham 30; Huntingdon 56 90; Lewistown 18 14; Logan's Valley 11; Martinsburgh 12; Middletown and Lost Crk 70; Saxton 8 25; Shaver's Creek 3; Tyrone 17 23; Upper Lancaster 13 55; Yellow Creek 5. *Northumberland*—St. Mary's, Shiloh 11 77; Williamsport 2d 8 65. *Willsboro*—Beecher Island 5; Farmington ch and congregation 3.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Buckley 7 10; Champaign 1st 28 20. Sab-seh 10 56. *Peoria*—Brunswick 1 70; Ipava 9; Vermont 1 25. *Schuyler*—Chili 2; Wythe 11 20. *Springfield*—Farmington 6 10; Jacksonville 1st, semi-annual coll 53 65.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Manteno 12 21. *Rock River*—Aledo 1st 12; Edwards 4; North Henderson 11; Viola 4.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Grand Tower 74 cts; Shawneetown 2 14. *Mattoon*—Charleston 12 55; Tuscola 1st 5 78.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Waveland 6 25; Wea 4. *Fort Wayne*—La Grange 4; Lima 6 35. *Muncie*—New Hope 1 25; Wabash 3 93.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Madison 1st 15; Madison 2d 13 45; New Albany 1st 26 90; Pleasant Township 2 25. *Vincennes*—Upper Indiana 8.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Bellevue 1st 1 75; Farmer's Creek 2 31; Marion 12 87; Springfield 2. *Dubuque*—Farley 4; Mt Hope 4. *Waterloo*—Greene 1st 5.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Missouri Valley 6 75. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st 31 15; Fairfield 12 99; Keokuk, Westminster 8 81; Kosciusko 1st 2 07; Mt Pleasant 1st 4 73. *Iowa City*—Oxford 1st 2.

KANSAS.—*Austin*—Galveston, 1st Ger 7. *Emporia*—Chelsea 2 25. *Neosho*—Oswego 5.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville, Walnut St 1 38.

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Middletown 10 94.

MICHIGAN.—*Saginaw*—Bay City 4 74.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—South Bend 1st 1 50. *St Paul*—Minneapolis 1st 6 31. *Southern Minnesota*—Fremont 5; Rushford 2. *Winona*—Presbon 2.

MISSOURI.—*Palmyra*—Bird's Eye Ridge 84 cts; Sullivan 1st 91 cts. *Potosi*—Ironton 1st 2. *St. Louis*—Bethel German 20; St Charles 1st 20 15.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Baskingridge, spec 131; Elizabeth 1st, add'l, sp 250; Perth Amboy 30; Pluckamin 1 61; Summit West 3 28; Westfield 5 09. *Jersey City*—Tenafly 4 48. *Mommouth*—Bass River 51 cts; Freehold 1st 25; Tuckerton 5 50. *Morris and Orange*—Morristown 1st 125 81; Orange 1st 70. *Newark*—Newark, Park 2 89; Newark, Wickliffe 6 48. *New Brunswick*—Alexandria 1st 3 05; Hamilton Square 5 25; Kingsion 10 31; New Brunswick 1st 34 82; Stockton 2 50.

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Newburyport 1st 37 50. *Hudson*—Cocheont 1st, add'l, Goodwill 5 56; Hamptonburgh 3 52; Middletown 1st 5 80; Middletown 2d 5 65; Palisades 3; Port Jervis 38; Ramapo 13. *North River*—Cornwall 23; Smithfield 12. *Westchester*—Bridgeport 50; Hartford 1st 21; Stamford 1st, in part 259 15.

PACIFIC.—*Bentonia*—Napa 18.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Chester 1st, sp 22; Chester 3d, sp 10; Chester City, sp 10; Coatesville, sp 31; Downingtown Central, sp 10 33; Fagg's Manor, sp 95 30; Forks of Brandywine, sp 27; Great Valley, sp 17; Kennet Square, sp 6; Marple, sp 12; Media, (of which 10 sp) 13 05; New London, sp 33; Oxford, sp 50; Penningtonville 3 50; Upper Octorara, sp 89 50; Upper West Nottingham, sp 10; Wayne, sp 10; Waynesburgh, sp 44 71; West Chester, sp 44. *Lackawanna*—Brooklyn 10 60; Canton 12; Liberty 1 23; Rome 1; Suquehanna Depot 1st 25. *Lehigh*—Mountain 4 30. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Cohocksink 60 06. *Philadelphia North*—Abington, sp 31 29. *Westminster*—Cedar Grove 10.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—New Alexandria 5 06; New Salem 25 50; Parnassus 17 49; Unity 31. *Pittsburgh*—Forest Grove 20; North Branch 6; Pittsburgh 2d 8 48; Pittsburgh, Bellefield 45 50; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 3 48; Raccoon 36 75; Wilkinsburgh 25. *Redstone*—Laurel Hill, from a member 15; Mt Pleasant 23 37; New Providence 25; Renning 24. *Washington*—Lower Buffalo 5 25; Upper Ten Mile 9 05; Wheeling 4th 2d cts. *West Virginia*—Grafton 5; Hughes River 5 60; Pennsylvania 7 50.

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—New Providence 6. *Union*—Strawberry Plains 3 60.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1st 3 95; Bucyrus 1 88. *Huron*—Bloomville 6 20; Fostoria 3 68; Melmore 4 40; Norwalk 28 10; Republic 71 cts; Sandusky 17 50. *Lima*—Lima 1st 11 30. *Maumee*—Adwerp 5.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo, Westminster 14 58; Westfield 3 76. *Genesee*—Batavia 57 73; Leroy 1st 28 49; Wyoming 1st 9 40. *Rochester*—Brighton 11 28; Brockport 37 62; Genesee Central 17 58; O-sian 2 33.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Black River Falls 5 50; Hudson 1st 10; North Bend 5. *Milwaukee*—Delafield 66 cts; Ottawa 65 cts; Somers 4 28. *Winnabigo*—Horicon 4. *Wisconsin River*—Kilbourn City 5.

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs E W Bard, dec'd, Huntingdon, Pa 1 82; Legacy of Mrs C V L Brown, dec'd, Minonk, Ill 14.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Mary Kerr, Troy, N Y 10; "Anonymous," Trenton, N J 10; Interest 972 47.

Total receipts in August, 1874, \$1,417 50

NATHAN LANE, Treasurer.

## RELIEF FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

REV. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

REV. CHARLES BROWN, *Treasurer.*

OFFICE, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

*"Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"*

### AN AGED MINISTER GRATEFUL FOR HELP.

"Yours, containing a check from the Relief Fund, has been received. The reception of it was a real deliverance to myself and to my poor family from a very difficult, trying, and necessitous situation. While many around us are showing out their worldly greatness, during the last six months we have been living retired, and, as an aged minister of Christ's family, in poverty and solitude, and some part of that time in severe sickness. By the above timely remittance we have been in a comparatively small degree relieved from destitution, and found great cause for much gratitude to the Supreme Being, the great God, and to the members of the Presbyterian Relief Fund for the above seasonable act of Christian benevolence, and true beneficial philanthropy. I have now passed the *eightieth* year of my age, and have labored in the Presbyterian connection during thirty-five years."

### ANOTHER OF LIKE MIND.

"We are just now in receipt of your draft, and I need hardly say that it affords us great relief from worldly anxieties. Despite the most rigid economy and untiring industry, our expenses last year exceeded our income by more than fifty dollars. Now we shall be able to pay off our merchant, and have some fifty dollars left. This, of course, is a source of great relief and comfort to us, for which we give thanks to God and to the dear old Church, the mother of us all.

"I gave my life to the Church at eighteen years of age, and though I am now here at the advanced age of *seventy-six*, in comparative poverty and obscurity, I do not in the least regret my choice. Please accept our sincere thanks for the interest you are pleased to take in our welfare."

### THANKS FROM A WIDOW.

"I take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your check, for which I am truly thankful, how much *none can know* unless similarly situated. Having known better days, and being reduced in circumstances by the long illness of a very dear husband, trying to educate a family of four daughters (two of whom are preparing themselves for teachers), and trying as I will, making so little, what a *real* relief for both mind and body is brought to us by this means: for this is *no light* care and anxiety for a mother to bear alone. How wise is that Scheme which provides relief. And may the Lord bless those that dispense it, and bring comfort to the hearts of the destitute, is my earnest prayer. With renewed thanks I remain, &c."

### THE TRIALS OF ONE WHOSE CASE IS NOT REACHED.

"Believing that the application would be entertained as it has heretofore been, I have ventured to incur store-bills, and to borrow money from friends to procure the necessaries of life.

"During the fifty years I have been in the ministry, I have often been in straitened circumstances, but never so much so as at this time. Formerly I could and did work with my hands to obtain food and clothing for myself and family, which I cannot now do through the infirmities of age that have come upon me. Please inform me what is the prospect of the payment, in whole or in part, of this application, as I am out of funds, and know not where else to look for assistance so far as human aid is concerned." This venerable man is seventy-eight years old.

### ANOTHER EQUALLY PAINFUL.

"I have not yet received a dollar from the Relief Committee. This is a fearful and mortifying experience, compelled to get groceries to live on, and not a cent of aid from the Disabled Fund. Please do me the favor to write immediately to the

Secretary, and urge him to prompt action in my case. Here I am, pressed as it were to the earth, my credit getting shaky, the persons I owe uneasy and clamorous, not able as yet to labor in the pulpit or out of it,—wife and children depressed and deprived of even ordinary comforts of life. I strive to be hopeful and prayerful and abide in Christian truth."

This is a specimen of numerous families which cannot be helped because the funds are not supplied in sufficient amount. Their cry is pitiful. Hear them.

A debt of \$13,000 yet remains: between \$30,000 and \$40,000 of applications are on file. Friends of Jesus and of His ministers, take this *cause to your hearts*; and God will abundantly reward your liberality.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN AUGUST, 1874.

☞ Synods in small capitals—Presbyteries in italics—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Jefferson 4; Saratoga Springs 2d 2 41. *Champlain*—Fort Covington 17. *Troy*—Chesterstown 5 07.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Owego 1st 25. *Otsego*—Franklin 91 cts; Shavertown, extra 2 50. *St. Lawrence*—Chaumont 15. *Syracuse*—Hannibal 18 75; Wampsville 2 25. *Utica*—Hollan 1 Patent 13 50; Vernon Centre 1 01; Waterville 17 15.

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Bloomingsburgh 5. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 2d 2 91 50; Cincinnati 2d German 3. *Dayton*—Seven Mile 7 25.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 2d 2 00; Rome 68 cts. *Mahoning*—Ellsworth 13 50; North Jackson 8. *Steubenville*—Beech Spring 16; Bethel 7 60; Cross Creek 5 50; Long's Run 8 45.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Marietta, 4th St 5. *Marion*—Marysville 5 75; Milford Centre 4 50; Mount Gilead 23 61; York 7 18. *Wooster*—Jackson 13 20; Marshallville 10 70; Wooster 38 80.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Plains 4. *Butler*—Centre 1 89; Martin-burgh 2; New Salem 3; Sunmit (debt) 1 78. *Erie*—Edenboro 20. *Kittanning*—Saltsburgh 20 58; West Lebanon 8. *Shenango*—Little Beaver 8 20; Mahoning 15 20.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Port Byron 15. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st 4 06. *Geneva*—Geneva 1st 55 02; Oak's Corner 3; Penn Yan 52; Seneca 25. *Steuben*—Addison 12.

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Greencastle, special 30; Middle Spring, special 13 43; Wayneboro 3 08. *Huntingdon*—Bedford, Legacy of Mrs E W Burd 1 32; Hollidaysburg (including 6 70 from Sab-sch) 32; Lewistown 13 24; McVeytown 21 20; Shaver's Creek 2. *Northumberland*—Clillisquaque 12; Lewisburgh 85 65; St Mary's Shiloh 10; Williamsport 2d 4 60.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Schuyler*—Chili 3.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Freeport*—Foreston German 18 84. *Ottawa*—Union Grove 10.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Chester 4; Lebanon 11 40; Moro 3. *Cairo*—Grand Tower 54 cents; Shawneetown 1 56. *Mathon*—Brownstown 3 35; Morrisonville 6 50; Tuscola 4 22.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Hopewell 1 73; Thornton, John Vannice 5. *Logansport*—Bourbon 3 30; Crown Point 2; La Porte 47 72. *Muncie*—Wabash 2 90.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Greencastle 20 38. *Vincennes*—Spencer 3 70; Vandalia 10.

IOWA, NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Mt Hope 4. *Fort Dodge*—Sioux City 10.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Corning 1st 6 75. *Iowa*—Keokuk, Westminster 6 44; Kossuth 1st 1 51; Libertyville 2 50; Mt Pleasant 1st 3 54; Ottumwa, special 6; Pleasant Plain 2; West Point 4. *Omaha*—Lone Tree 15.

KANSAS.—*Austin*—Austin 1st 29 31. *Neosho*—Fort Scott 1 95; Independence 5; Oswego 5.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville, Walnut St 1. *Long Island*—Long Island—Mattituck 10.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Northville 9 84. *Saginaw*—Bay City 3 46.

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Stillwater 1st 6 25. *Winnona*—Preston 1 50.

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Pleasant Hill 5. *Ozark*—Ozark Prairie 3 75. *Palmyra*—Bird's Eye Ridge 62 cts; Sullivan 67 cts. *Platte*—Chillicothe 15; Parkville 2 90; Rockport 3. *St. Louis*—Bethel German 20.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth 2d 115 28; Pluckamin 1 19; Summit West 2 39; Westfield 3 72. *Jersey City*—Rutherford Park 19 32; Tenafly 3 27. *Monmouth*—Allentown 17 50. *Morris and Orange*—Morristown 1st 9 93; South Orange 90. *Newark*—Lyon's Farms 20 05; Newark, Park 2 11. *New Brunswick*—Stockton 2. *Newton*—Harmony 20 30. *West Jersey*—Blackwoodtown 32 10; Hammonton 8 10.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Chester 83; Circleville 15; Cohecton 17 cts; Goodwill 4 06; Hamptonburgh 2 57; Middletown 1st 4 31; Middletown 2d 4 12; Palisades 1. *North River*—Bethlehem 13 52; Cornwall 17. *Westchester*—Bedford 27 73; Throg's Neck 16 67.

PACIFIC.—*Los Angeles*—Santa Barbara 24 73. *Oregon*—Portland 1st 51 75.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Media 2 23. *Lackawanna*—Abington 6 65; Liberty 90 cts; Menoopaany Creek 2; Meshoppen 5; Rome 1. *Lehigh*—Catasauqua 1st, a member 10; Mahanoy city, Mr John Phillips 10; Middle Smithfield 10. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia, Alexander Sab sch 23 51.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Ligonier 6; New Alexandria 3 68. *Pittsburgh*—Bloomfield 3 69; East Liberty 37 63; Pittsburgh 2d 6 59; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 2 56. *Washington*—Independence 3 75; Mt Pleasant 1 25; Washington 1st 43 75; Wheeling 4th 16 cts.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1 32; Bucyrus 1 37; Wyandotte 3 30. *Huron*—Republic 53 cts. *Lima*—Delphos 53 cts. *Maumee*—Delta 5.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo, Westminster 10 65; Westfield 2 74. *Genesee*—North Bergen 6 29. *Genesee Valley*—Allegany 12. *Niagara*—Albion, special 13 90; Holley 8. *Rochester*—Genesee Central 12 84; Sparta 2d 8.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Nasonville 2; Neilsville 3. *Mitwaukee*—Delafield 47 cts; Ottawa 47 cts. *Winnebago*—Weyauwega 2 35. *Wisconsin River*—Madison 29 19.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Pa, Greencastle, Mrs H J Agnew 2; Idaho Territory, Lewiston, "an offering" 30; N Y, Jordan, Lewis B Howe 5; N Y, Moira, Rev. Bliss Burnap 20; Wis, Geneva, Rev C A Williams 50; Interest on Permanent Fund, per G H Van Gelder, Esq 120; N Y, East Pembroke, Rev G S Corwin, D.D. to con Miss Mary Simpson an Hon Member 50; Ohio, Chardon, J O Worrallo 2; N Y, M Harbut, H Dellsville 81 cts; West Springfield, (Rev) Mrs L E Calkins 5; Pa, Darby, Mrs E G Cochran 2; Cal, Stockton, "Cash" 10 85.

Total receipts in August 1874, \$2,744 57

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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 REV. JAS. ALLISON, D.D., *Treasurer*, Lock Box 24, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 E. G. WOODWARD, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

## FINANCIAL.

Receipts in August \$1,316.64; for the same month in last year, \$758,60. But the total receipts of the first five months—April, May, June, July, and August—of the present year are \$14,665.94, while the receipts for the same period in last year, were \$15,967.80.

OCTOBER.—Nearly all our synodical meetings occur in this month. With it, Church-work, including the financial, will have been fairly inaugurated for the remainder of the ecclesiastical year; and we earnestly ask that in the doing of this, care shall be taken that the Freedmen shall have a due proportion of sympathy, prayer, and funds from all our churches. And in order to this, we feel that it is very desirable—indeed necessary—that pastors will endeavor to have their people well acquainted with this work and its wants. One of our missionaries who, during vacation, has been presenting it to a number of churches, writes: "Many have said, 'I never knew any thing about these people and the efforts of our Church in their behalf;'" and we fear this is the case with very many more, and that hence comes great lack of interest in and funds for this department of our Church's work. The general work could be greatly enlarged with the most encouraging prospect of cheering results; and specials, as Biddle Memorial Institute and Scotia Seminary, are in pressing need of building and endowment funds, which should be over and above the customary collections and donations for the general work. If in any way our churches generally could be made fully to know about these people and the efforts of our Church in their behalf, with an opportunity to contribute regularly, we feel assured that much more liberal gifts would not be wanting.

## FROM THE FIELD.

"A SEASON OF GRACE."—A colored missionary in the city of W—, North Carolina, writes as follows:

"*Dear Sir*—Since my last, we have enjoyed quite a season of grace in the church here. I have preached seventeen times. Quite a number of prayer-meetings have been held both in private families and in the church. Christians have been greatly revived, and a number of persons have been hopefully converted. The choir, consisting of nine members, of whom four were formerly Christians, is now a Christian choir, with perhaps one exception. We have great hopes of this one. Three of the teachers in the Sabbath-school were nominal Christians; these feel that they have given themselves entirely to the Lord, and that he has accepted of them. . . . We shall have a noble accession to our ranks in these young converts. . . . Hoping this may reach you safely, and encourage your heart with the news of the success attending our labors in the Lord, I remain yours truly."

The "UNEXPECTED" VISITOR.—A colored Missionary located in the city of S—, N. C., writes thus:

"Yesterday we had communion. We had the prettiest day I ever saw in North Carolina, and a very large congregation of *all* Presbyterians. Presbyterian influence in G— and vicinity is not only holding its own, but is gaining in the city and surrounding country; we have members five and six miles in the country, who are regular attendants on the Sabbath. I was sitting down yesterday, lamenting over the spiritual dearth that seems to reign throughout the churches in my charge, when I heard a gentle rap on my door. I arose and opened, when a young girl about fifteen told me she came to join church, if it was not too late; forty-five minutes were remaining, but the session was soon called, and I had the pleasure of seeing another new name to swell our church roll. It was entirely unexpected."

"IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON."—A white missionary shows his estimate of one of the teachers in his field by writing us as follows:

"I believe it is your rule to pay the travelling expense of teachers once a year to

their field. Will you not allow Mrs. N——'s this year—though she has remained in the field, working with all her heart, and head, and hands—yes, *feet* also—going from church to church—teaching Sabbath-school, &c., &c. She needs it as much to live on as she would to return if she had gone home. . . . I told her I thought she was entitled to it, and that I would ask you to allow it. Hoop you will."

DONATIONS AT PITTSBURGH FOR FREEDMEN IN AUGUST 1874.

427 Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany State St 30 92; Nassau 79 cts; Saratoga Springs Sab-sch 1 92. *Troy*—Waterford 18 41.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Syracuse*—Syracuse 1st Ward 1 04; Liverpool 85 cts. *Binghamton*—Binghamton 1st 15 22.

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Greenfield 1st 40. *Dayton*—Fletcher 5. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 7th 20 62

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Rome 46 cts; Strongs-ville 1 73; Cleveland 1st 28; Lafayette, John Lee 5. *St. Clairsville*—Buffalo 3 26.

COLUMBUS.—*Woster*—Fredericksburg 3 96. *Athens*—Middleport 46 cts; Marietta 4th St 4. *Zanesville*—Minkington 5.

ERIE.—*Erie*—Cambridge 1 44.

GENEVA.—*Lyons*—Palmyra 30. *Chemung*—Elmhurst 1st 5 83; Watkins 2 33. *Steuben*—Corning 5 29; Hornellsville 17 07.

HARRISBURG.—*Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d 5 91; Bald Eagle and Nitany 4 67.

ILLINOIS. CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Urbana 1 12. *Schuyler*—Macomb 8. *Peoria*—Prospect 27 23.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Rock River*—Fulton 1 03.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Fairfield 5. *Alton*—Greenville 1 50; Vandal 4 58; Plainview 40 cts; Hardin 3 28. *Mattoon*—Neoga 1 28.

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Muncie*—Perrysburgh 50 cts; Shiloh 50 cts; Wabash 10 cts. *Fort Wayne*—Franklin 80 cts.

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Acton 42 cts.

IOWA, SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Kossuth 1 42.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville, Walnut St ch 81 cts.

LONG ISLAND.—*Nassau*—Huntingdon 2d 3 50.

MICHIGAN.—*Lansing*—Concord 2 20; Irving 1 35. *Detroit*—Westminster 4 30.

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—House of Hope 10 38; Red Wing 80 cts.

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—New Frankfort, Ger 1 50.

NEW JERSEY.—*Newton*—Sparta 4 68; Greenwich 8 10; Yellow Frame 97 cts. *New Brunswick*—Stockton 1. *Morris and Orange*—Morrisown 5 78; Madison 5 72. *West Jersey*—Woodtown 1; Cold Spring 16 15. *Elizabeth*—Plainfield 2d 50 49; Elizabeth 1st 130 38; Roselle Sab-sch 89 cts; Roselle ch 5 86; Clinton 4 31; Baskingridge 25; Pluckamun 90 cts; Westfield 2 10. *Newark*—Newark Park 2 70; Bloomfield 1st 48 60. *Monmouth*—Port Washington 1 75.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Good Will 3 82; Washingtonville 1 87; Cohecton 16 cts; Hamptonburgh 1 75; Nyack 3 61; Scotchtown 1 45. *New York*—Scotch ch, John Taylor Johnson 23 33; Brick Chapel 28 70; Sea and Land 1 03; *Westchester*—Port Chester 1 87.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lehigh*—Allentown 8 87; Lower Mt. Belhel 1 22. *Westminster*—Union 86 cts. *Chester*—New London 9 33. Synod of Philadelphia "D" 10.

PITTSBURGH.—*Pittsburgh*—East Liberty 51 26; Shady Side 5 42; Lebanon 5 95. *Washington*—Wheeling 3d 3 89; Wheeling 4th 10 cts; Washington 1st 8 24. *Bearsvele*—Black Lick 4 50; *New Alexandria* 2 95. *Reststone*—Round Hill 1 40.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bucyrus 98 cts.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Rochester*—Rochester Central 10 45; Westminster 1 33. *Buffalo*—Westfield 4 93.

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Delafield 24 cts.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs N Shoptaugh, Samuels Depot, Ky, 1; 1st ch Trumansburgh, N Y 18 17; High St ch, Newark, N J 48 25; 1st ch Sab-sch, Alton, Ill 19 18; Brooklyn ch, Iowa 5; 1st ch Indianapolis, Ind 15 10; South Providence ch, Ind 1 00; Murray Hill ch, N Y 20; Wellsville ch, Ohio 12; Mrs H J Agnew, Greencastle, Pa, special for Columbia ch, Tenn 2; 2d ch Cleveland, Ohio 100; West Alexander ch, Pa 56; Sab-sch, 1st ch Stamford, Conn 15 17; Mrs J E De Klyn 8; Rev L Dorland, for Scotia, on Scholarship, from Mrs R Douglass, Raymond, Iowa 5; Captain A Latham, Charleston, S C 9 65; Fredericksburg, Ohio, Ladies 18; Rev D L Dickey, Armagh, Pa 5; J O Worrallo, Chardon, O 2; Washington ch, E Tenn 2; Rockville ch, Ind 9 75; Castle ch, N Y 8 5; Rev C A Williams, Geneva, Wis 50; West Lebanon ch, Pa 11. 442 57

Total receipts in August, \$1,316 64

JAMES ALLISON, Treasurer,  
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Money received and expended on the Field during the Quarter ending June 30th, 1874.

*Pby of Atlantic*—Congruity ch 9 30; Ebenezer ch 14; Edisto ch 19 19; Good Will ch 22; John's Island (nehel) ch 12 86; John's Island (Hebron) ch 14 05; John's Island (Zion) ch 28 13; Malina ch 13; Macedonia ch 3 75; St Andrews ch 10 63; St. Paul ch 19 05; Sunnerville ch 7; Salem ch 26 58; Wallingford ch and sen 159 71; Wilmington ch 185 35 544 60

*Pby of Catawba*—Bensalem ch 11 70; Bethpage ch 22; Caldwell ch 5 27; Charlotte ch and sen 145 51; Concord ch and sch 71 73; Hamilton ch 14 45; Love's Chapel 1 63; Miranda ch 11 70; Mt. Olives ch 4 27; New Hope ch 3 08; Poplar Tent ch 61 50; Salem Hill ch 2 75; St. Paul ch 3 08; Woodlands ch 4 16 372 85

*Pby of Fairfield*—Mt. Pisgah ch 4 50; Pits ch 5; Lebanon ch 20; Tabor ch 19 50; Carmel ch 12 20 61 20

*Pby of Holston*—Greenville ch 12 25

*Pby of Knox*—Antioch ch 7; Brunswick sch 4; New Hope ch 10 70; Pleasant Grove ch 23 44 70

*Pby of Louisville*—Louisville ch 51 45

*Pby of Nashville*—Columbia sch 23 35

*Pby of Union*—Bethel ch 2 48; Calvary ch 3 56; Rogersville ch and sch 21 45; St. Luke ch and sch 13 90; Shiloh ch 36 43 77 81

*Pby of Yadkin*—Barnesville ch 3 25; Cameron ch 2; Catawba River ch 11 04; Freedom ch 2; Greensboro ch and sch 38 41; Lexington ch and sch 4 60; Louisville ch 122 68; Logan ch 4 64; Mocksville ch 9 43; Mt. Vernon ch 41 65; Mt. Zion ch 8 30; Mt. Tabor ch 1; Mt. Pleasant ch 10 48; New Centre ch 8 96; Pittsburgh ch 48; Raleigh ch 67 cts; Salisbury sch 1 70; Statesville ch and sch 37; White Hall ch 2 75 358 56

*Poy of Washington City*—Albright ch 6; Big Oak ch 10; Mt. Zion ch 56 cts; Russel Grove ch and sch 5 30 21 86

*No Presbyterial connection*—Fredericksburg, Va 24 50; Danville, Va 3 50 28 00

Total, \$1,596 63



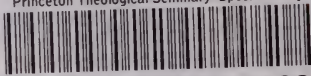
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